

What additional needs does the term Disability cover ?

There is no definitive list. The term 'disability' covers a wide range of health conditions, impairments and needs.

Schools, colleges and HEIs have different ways of deciding who is disabled and/or who received financial and practical support. For example, the HEI approach is shaped by the categories they use for the UCS applications. Currently, our understanding of disability is influenced by the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) which defines a disabled person as someone with

'A physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.'

This broad definition together with the UCAS categories, www.ucas.com, can be used as a guide in your assessment of whether or not someone can be classified as having a disability.

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