

What is Skills Disability Support?

Skills Disability Support (SDS) is a specialised support initiative to increase participation in, and outcomes from, accredited training for learners with disability.

What is disability support?

Disability support provided through SDS are services that directly lessen the impact of a person's disability on their capacity to:

- learn effectively in the vocational education and training (VET) environment, including vocational placement and off-the-job training delivered at the workplace
- achieve a vocational outcome.

Disability support is specifically tailored to the learner's individual circumstances, abilities and career ambitions. It is used as reasonable adjustment under the *Disability Standards for Education 2005* to assist learners to complete their vocational qualification or course.

What are the objectives?

The aim of SDS is to:

- facilitate specialised support that enables learners with disability to participate in VET on the same basis as learners without disability
- assist VET providers to meet a learner's specialised support needs
- encourage effective use of technology.

How much support is available?

SDS services are based on individual need. The level of service is dependent on the assistance required, stock available and the reasonableness of the request.

Who can apply?

Queensland pre-qualified suppliers (PQS) are eligible to apply for SDS. They must be based and delivering training in Queensland.

Who will be supported?

SDS will support learners who:

- have an identified disability
- are undertaking DET subsidised training in a non-school environment
- are not eligible to receive the same resources through other initiatives.

What services are supported?

Specialised technology is available for loan. This includes assistive software, magnification aids and specialised computer accessories.

Specialised support services are facilitated by reimbursement to PQS (conditions apply). These include Auslan interpreters, mentors, notetakers/scribes and training in how to use requested technology.

More information

Visit www.training.qld.gov.au/sds or phone 1300 369 935.