

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON MEDICAL POLICY 2017/18

The University recognises that in exceptional cases some students who have a permanent and substantial disability or have a medical condition requiring treatment by chemotherapy or dialysis could not attend the University unless they are accommodated on campus. First year students (UG and PG) need only complete the Disability Assessment Questionnaire (DAQ) that is distributed by Brunel Admissions Department.

To be eligible, returning students must meet one of the eligibility criteria listed below:

- a) The student has a permanent and substantial disability which means they are unable to walk or have considerable difficulty in walking for a distance of more than 100 metres.
- b) The student's disability requires specialist adaptations or facilities not available in off-campus accommodation.
- c) The student has a medical condition treated by chemotherapy or dialysis.
- d) The student has a recognised disability under the Equality Act 2010 (not already covered above) which would cause substantial disadvantage to the student if he/she were not offered campus accommodation.

Consideration for accommodation on campus for such students will be given under the following process:

1. The student must meet one of the eligibility criteria.
2. The student must attend, in person, an assessment with a member of the Disability and Dyslexia Service (returning students).
3. Students must be assessed for accommodation before the end of the preceding academic year (returning students).
4. Exceptions will only be considered for students who have become disabled during the vacation period.
5. The student must produce medical evidence from a UK based medical practitioner stating specifically how they meet the relevant criteria.
6. The student must have applied for, or be in the process of applying for Disabled Students Allowances (unless ineligible due to Overseas funding status).
7. Students must in the first instance be in full-time study, paying full-fees and not in continuation during the academic session for the period of their Licence Agreement.

NOTE: The existence or pre-existence of disorders that are well controlled and have responded to medical treatment, even though there is a continuation of medical treatment, does not necessarily constitute medical or disabled grounds for campus accommodation.

The Accommodation Centre will consider such applicants recommended by the University Disability and Dyslexia Service and Medical Centre in accordance with the University's policies. Any offers are subject to suitable accommodation being available and subject to allocation policy conditions being met.

Personal Assistants (Carers)

The University recognises that some students applying for campus accommodation may have a disability or medical condition that requires a resident personal assistant (carer). In these cases the University can provide the option of a room on campus for the personal assistant (carer) under the same terms and conditions as the student. Home students may be able to reclaim personal assistant (carer) costs from their Social Services Department (often via a Direct Payments Scheme).

Students requiring campus accommodation for their personal assistant (carer) must provide evidence that they have had a community assessment from Social Services which recommends the need for a personal assistant (carer) as part of the individual's agreed Care Plan. Prospective students and returning students are responsible for making their own arrangements to be assessed and for ensuring the personal assistant (carer) assessment is completed in advance of the new session. This is to enable the Accommodation Centre to reserve the appropriate accommodation to meet the student's needs. For further information please contact the Brunel Disability and Dyslexia Services.

NOTE: When considering whether a disabled person or student is placed at a substantial disadvantage compared to somebody who is not disabled, account will be taken of the time inconvenience, effort or discomfort entailed in comparison with other people. A 'substantial' disadvantage is one that is more than minor or trivial.