

DSA-QAG Band 4 Non Medical Helper Specialist requirements (one-to-one study skills support SpLD) and Dyslexia Guild Membership

Q. What level of membership do I require with the Dyslexia Guild to meet the DSA-QAG regulations for Band 4 Non Medical Helper Specialist requirements (one-to-one study skills support SpLD)?

You will require **Associate Membership of the Dyslexia Guild** grade (ADG or ADG FE/HE) which is the first grade of Professional Membership.

Currently employed **Student Support Tutors** may apply through our **Accreditation of Prior Experience and Learning (APEL)** route where they have evidence of significant study skills support experience and hold other recognised qualifications in the field of student support.

This route also requires you to demonstrate a yearly commitment to Continuing Professional Development through 30 hours of relevant CPD gained on a yearly basis and by uploading a yearly CPD Log.

- this is the equivalent of one CPD unit with Dyslexia Action (other relevant CPD may be acceptable as long as it is in the area of dyslexia or SpLD).
- Dyslexia Action provides a CPD pathway made up of units that lead to a **Level 5 Specialist Teaching Qualification** for individuals who wish to continue their professional practice.

Link to DSA-QAG most recent documents can be found at:

<https://www.dsa-qag.org.uk/practitioner/nmh-providers-1/registering-nmh-provider>

and the Mandatory Criteria for NMH Registration at:

https://www.dsa-qag.org.uk/application/files/9814/8569/8331/Mandatory_criteria_for_NMH_registration_V2.8.pdf

Q. Can you tell me if I have the eligible qualifications for this level of membership BEFORE I sign up?

If you are unsure if your current level of qualifications are eligible please email copies of your most relevant higher education certificates and/or teaching qualifications, a current curriculum vitae and a covering note (please note our email system cannot accept ZIP files) to guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk or phone us directly on 01784 222304.

Q. How do I register for this APEL Route to Membership?

1. You should register first for UK Guild Membership at £72 (£62 direct debit) online
See: www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/page/join-today
2. **Register** your details first on this page and then apply for Membership which can be paid for by credit or debit card
3. Then send a copy of your qualification certificates and a CV outlining your experience and qualifications to guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk
4. We will then determine whether or not you can receive the letters ADG or ADG FE/HE after your name to qualify for this level of membership

Q. What Continuing Professional Development courses do you offer?

The Supporting Adults Award

This Award comprises three Units which can be booked separately or as an Award (with a small discount) and is particularly relevant to Student Support Tutors. Each unit is a six week online course comprising 30 hours of study.

[DAAWD59 CPD Award in Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties](#)

- DACPD91 Supporting Adults with Dyslexia and Co-occurring Difficulties
- DACPD92 Supporting Study Skills in Adults with Dyslexia
- DACPD88 Assistive Technologies to Support Struggling Readers and Writers

The CPD Programme

This pathway is comprised of a number of units that lead to a Certificate in Strategic Teaching Support. www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/cpd-programme. APEL applicants may select any unit from this programme. See Page 5 of the UK Syllabus for full details. NB: The [Supporting Adults Award](#) contributes to the Supporting Adults CPD Programme pathway.

The Postgraduate Programme

This programme may be particularly suitable for individuals who wish to gain specialist teaching qualifications at Master's level. See:

Level 7 Postgraduate Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention for Dyslexia and Literacy

www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/page/postgraduate-certificate-structured-teaching-intervention-dyslexia-and-literacy

The Dyslexia Action Postgraduate Certificates and Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy are unique and prestigious programmes at Level 7 (Master's level) that provide the training for qualified professionals to become informed practitioners and specialist teachers and/or assessors of Dyslexia/SpLD.

For further information see our website:

Guild Membership

www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/membership-dyslexia-guild

Training Courses

www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/educator-training

Or contact us directly on: 01784 222304