

Information for Needs Assessors

We recommend that all students with support needs contact one of our **Accessibility Advisers** (*Email: disability@aber.ac.uk or Tel: 01970 621761*) as soon as possible before entry so that we can discuss their needs with them and ensure that a suitable package of support is in place for them at the start of their studies.

In-house Non-Medical Helper (NMH) support and rates:

Please see the link below for our current rates:

[Aberystwyth University NMH Rates](#)

Please note that no VAT is charged by Aberystwyth University for these roles.

All in-house NMH 1:1 sessions are carried out in comfortable and confidential rooms within, or near to, the Student Welcome Centre. All the 1:1 rooms are equipped with networked computers with a range of assistive technology software.

Our preferred second supplier for NMH support is Clear Links.

We provide the following Band 4 NMH support roles:-

- Specialist Mentoring (ASD):
- Specialist Mentoring (Mental Health):
- Specialist Study Skills Support (SpLD & ASD):
- Assistive Technology Training:
 - Aberystwyth University is a registered provider of DSA Assistive Technology Training. Details on how to access the training can be found at <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/it-services/attraining/>

DSA Computer Contributions:

- Aberystwyth University does NOT subsidise the £200 student contribution for PCs. Any registered student can apply to the Student Hardship Fund if they can demonstrate hardship; each application is considered on its own merits.

Learning and Teaching:

- Aberystwyth University requires that all lectures should be recorded and made available to students. All teaching spaces are equipped with **Panopto lecture capture** facilities. Recorded lectures are available via the students' AberLearn Blackboard.

IT and Library Provision:

- Aberystwyth University gives free MS Office 365 access to all students, which includes:

- a cloud based email client with integrated Calendars and Contacts
- OneDrive with Office Web Apps (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote)
- 50GB Cloud Storage space for emails and documents
- Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Access, Publisher, Outlook, Lync and Infopath to install free on their own computer.
- Laptops and digital recorders are available to disabled students on a short term loan basis via the Library. However, demand for this is high and provision cannot be guaranteed.
- Inspiration software is available on all open access PCs in the University and it is also free to download to students' own computers via Information Service software downloads.
- Other assistive software available on open access PC's is – TextHelp Read & Write Gold (v10) and JAWS (v14).
- Multifunctional photocopiers / scanners are available throughout the library and other key study spaces.
- Aberystwyth University has a CLA Higher Education Licence, which allows us to make or seek (from copyright holders) accessible copies for both visually impaired and other disabled users if a suitable accessible version is not available to purchase.
- Bookable spaces within the library are available for students to book for small group or individual study sessions.
- All library spaces have designated quiet study areas.
- Extended loans to standard and 3 day loan books (student to request at the Information Services Issue desk).
- Full details of the Accessibility services available through Information Services can be found at - <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is/help/accessibility/>.

Exam provision:

- Costs associated with the provision of examination adjustments (i.e. readers, scribes etc) which are deemed to be reasonable, are met by the University. Where possible and practicable, alternative assessments can be discussed through the Accessibility Advisers in Student Support Services.

Course durations:

- PGCEs/Teaching – 38 weeks
- All other degrees – 30 weeks (generally 2 x 15 weeks semesters)

Early Induction:

- Students with ASD needs who need extra support with transition into University are invited to attend a small two-day induction event ahead of the main Fresher's arrival.