

DSA-QAG NMH Study Skills Membership Criteria

The Dyslexia Guild has a clearly defined membership grade for Study Skills Support Tutors which is Associate Member Further and Higher Education (ADG FE/HE). **Associate Membership is normally awarded to professional members and specialist teachers who hold a level 5 or level 7 specialist teaching qualification in dyslexia/SpLD.**

In order to meet the criteria for this membership grade applicants must meet the Accreditation of Prior Experience and Learning (APEL) criteria which comprise of:

1. Normally 5+ years of student support experience with a relevant DSA_QAG registered employer (university, college or specialist support service).
2. **PLUS** relevant qualifications as a minimum:
Degree plus teaching qualification (normally QTLS or equivalent) but we expect additional higher qualifications will have been taken or engaged in.
3. **PLUS** relevant qualifications in the field of student support:
e.g. other accredited dyslexia/SpLD qualifications, Open University E801, coaching, mentoring, mental health support, etc.
4. **PLUS** relevant and ongoing evidence of continuing professional development in the field of dyslexia/SpLD:
e.g. Dyslexia Action, ADSHE, Patoss or in-house development and training programmes.

Applicants who do not meet all of these criteria **may apply** but should expect to work towards achieving the [Level 5 Certificate in Supporting Adults](#) within a specified time period. This qualification comprises 6 units each of 30 hours of study/2 Awards. In the first instance, **APEL applicants may be asked to complete at least 3 units of this qualification before membership is granted** and will then be expected to complete the remaining 3 units within the next two years.

Annual Membership will be terminated where applicants do not achieve the required qualification or an equivalent award such as a level 5 or level 7 specialist SpLD teaching qualification within three years of being offered an APEL membership route.

How to apply

1. Ensure you have read the entry criteria above
2. Email the following documents to guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk please allow up to -7-10 working days for a response (we assess our applications on a weekly basis):
 - a) Scan/copy of your degree certificate(s)
 - b) Scan/copy of your PGCE/QTS certificate(s)
 - c) Scan/copy of your relevant certificates in the field of student/study skills support
 - d) Copy of an up to date CV
3. We will then assess your application for credibility, please bear in mind you may be asked to complete training **before** membership will be awarded at the professional/professional APEL level ADG/ADG FE/HE
4. Only once you have received email confirmation from us confirming your eligibility should you register for UK Guild Membership at £72 plus VAT. Please note it is not possible to sign up for a direct debit payment as an ADG FE/HE member

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