

National Literacy Units: Quick Guide to Assessment Arrangements for Disabled Candidates and/or those with Additional Support Needs



Your centre must have evidence of your need for any of these arrangements.

1. Can I use a human reader in the National Literacy Units?

You can use a human reader in those parts of a National Literacy Unit where reading skills are not being assessed.

Reading is a key skill in the National Literacy Units. You have to be able to show that you have this skill.

2. Can I use a scribe in the National Literacy Units?

You can use a scribe where writing skills are not being assessed.

Writing with technical accuracy is a key skill in the National Literacy Units. You have to be able to show that you have this skill.

3. Can I use a human reader in English and/or Gàidhlig?

If you usually use a human reader for your work in English and/or Gàidhlig then you can use a reader for your assessment.

4. Can I use a scribe in English and/or Gàidhlig?

If you usually use a scribe for your work in English and/or Gàidhlig then you can use a scribe for your assessment.

5. Can I use British Sign Language (BSL) in the Literacy Units?

Yes, but only in the Talking and Listening components, not in Writing and Reading. Group discussions must be accessible to all participants.

6. What other supports/arrangements can I use?

The grids overleaf show what support/arrangements are acceptable in the assessment of the four skills in the National Literacy Units.



Support allowed for National Literacy Units ¹

Assessment of reading skills
Extra time
Dictionaries
Adapted text, including Braille, large print, colour, font size, font style
Screen reader
Word processor
Practical assistant
Prompter
Scribe

Assessment of talking skills
Extra time
Prompter
Use of BSL
Assistive technology
Practical assistant
Reader
Scribe

Assessment of writing skills
Extra time
Dictionaries
Voice activated software (assistive technology)
Word processor with spellcheck
Transcription without correction
Practical assistant
Prompter
Reader

Assessment of listening skills
Extra time
Prompter
Use of BSL
Assistive technology
Practical assistant
Lip reading
Reader
Scribe

¹ These are not exhaustive lists; if you need support that is not mentioned above, please contact your centre to discuss.

