

What is a Needs Assessment?

This is a process of declaring a student's difficulty or disability and the level of supports the student have had in the past. Students registered with support services in Coláiste Dhúlaigh CFE will be required to complete a needs assessment form and submit this and appropriate evidence of their difficulty or disability to their college MIT account. The student will be asked to declare the impact of their disability on their learning. A staff member from The Disability and Learning Support Team will arrange to meet the student to discuss supports designed to meet the student's needs and the course academic requirements.

The following areas are addressed:

- Nature of disability or condition, to include impact on education, severity, etc.
- Previous support: what arrangements including resource or staffing that were made at secondary school, if any.
- Current difficulties: what difficulties does the student anticipate they may have with their course.
- Access to equipment and IT facilities.
- Appropriate academic and disability support. These might include, for example, accessible class venues, in-course support, examination support arrangements, and assistive technology.