



Choosing a Dyslexia Assessor

8 Things Every Adult Should Check Before Booking an Assessment

A dyslexia assessment is an important investment in your future. Use this checklist to help you choose an assessor who is qualified, experienced and committed to providing the best support possible.



1. APC Registered

Ensure your assessor holds a current Assessment Practising Certificate (APC). This is the only national qualification in the UK for dyslexia assessors.

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2. SASC Compliant

The report should meet current SASC guidelines and be accepted by schools, colleges, universities, employers and awarding bodies.

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3. Accepted by Universities & Employers

Check the report will be accepted for university support (e.g. DSA) and in the workplace for reasonable adjustments.

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4. Relevant Experience with Adults

Choose an assessor with experience assessing adults and understanding the impact of dyslexia in education, work and daily life.

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5. Recommendations That Make a Difference

The report should include clear, practical recommendations for study, work, and everyday life—not just a diagnosis.

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6. Questions After the Assessment

You should have the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance after the report.

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7. Clear Timescales

Make sure the assessor provides a clear timeframe for both the assessment and the written report.

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8. Transparent Pricing

Look for clear pricing with no hidden costs.

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Questions to Ask

- What qualifications and experience do you have?
- How long have you been assessing adults for dyslexia?
- What assessment tools do you use and why?
- How long will the assessment take?
- When will I receive the report?
- Can we talk through the results afterwards?
- What support do you offer following the assessment?

What Do These Mean?



APC (Assessment Practising Certificate)
The only national qualification in the UK that shows an assessor has the skills, knowledge and experience to carry out dyslexia assessments.



SASC (SpLD Assessment Standards Committee)
Sets the standards for high quality assessments and reports so they are fair, accurate and accepted by organisations everywhere.



A good assessment is more than a diagnosis—it's the start of strategies, support and confidence for the future. You deserve an assessment that understands you.



At Defining Dyslexia, we are APC registered, follow SASC guidelines and provide detailed, personalised recommendations and ongoing support.

Find out more about our adult assessments at www.definingdyslexia.org