



# **Access Arrangements**

### What are Access Arrangements?



Access Arrangements are 'reasonable adjustments' for students who have a disability, a temporary injury or a special educational need that significantly affects them in exams.

#### How and when are Access Arrangements

#### applied for?

Access Arrangements must be applied for, within a framework laid down by the joint Council for Qualifications.

The school will make the application and will arrange for any specialist assessments that may be needed to support an Access Arrangement application.

They are usually applied for at the start of Year 9 well in advance of examinations.

The agreed Access Arrangement lasts for a 26 month period.



# What sort of arrangements will my child get?

The precise arrangement depends on:

- the student's needs
- their normal way of working in class
- the type of exam
- the current regulations

There are a variety of arrangements available. All decisions made by the ICQ are based on the information above.





## What arrangements are available?

The most commonly used arrangements are:

- Extra time
- **Rest breaks**
- **Readers**
- Scribes
- **Prompters**
- Word processors



The school will decide which is the most appropriate arrangement for your child. Sometimes different arrangements may be allowed in different exams but all arrangements must reflect normal practice.

If you have any concerns or queries about Access Arrangements for your child, contact the SENCo at your child's school or college to discuss the matter.

More information can also be found at:

https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/access-arrangements-and-special-consideration/

Please note that this is updated annually.