



# New SASC Website an overview

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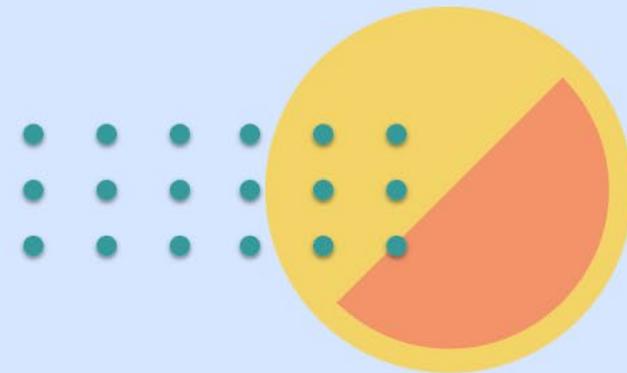
# Aims

- Improve usefulness and accessibility
- Improve access to information
- Consider various users and their purpose for visiting the site



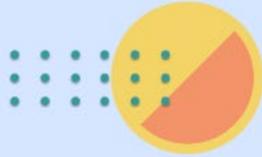
# The SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC)

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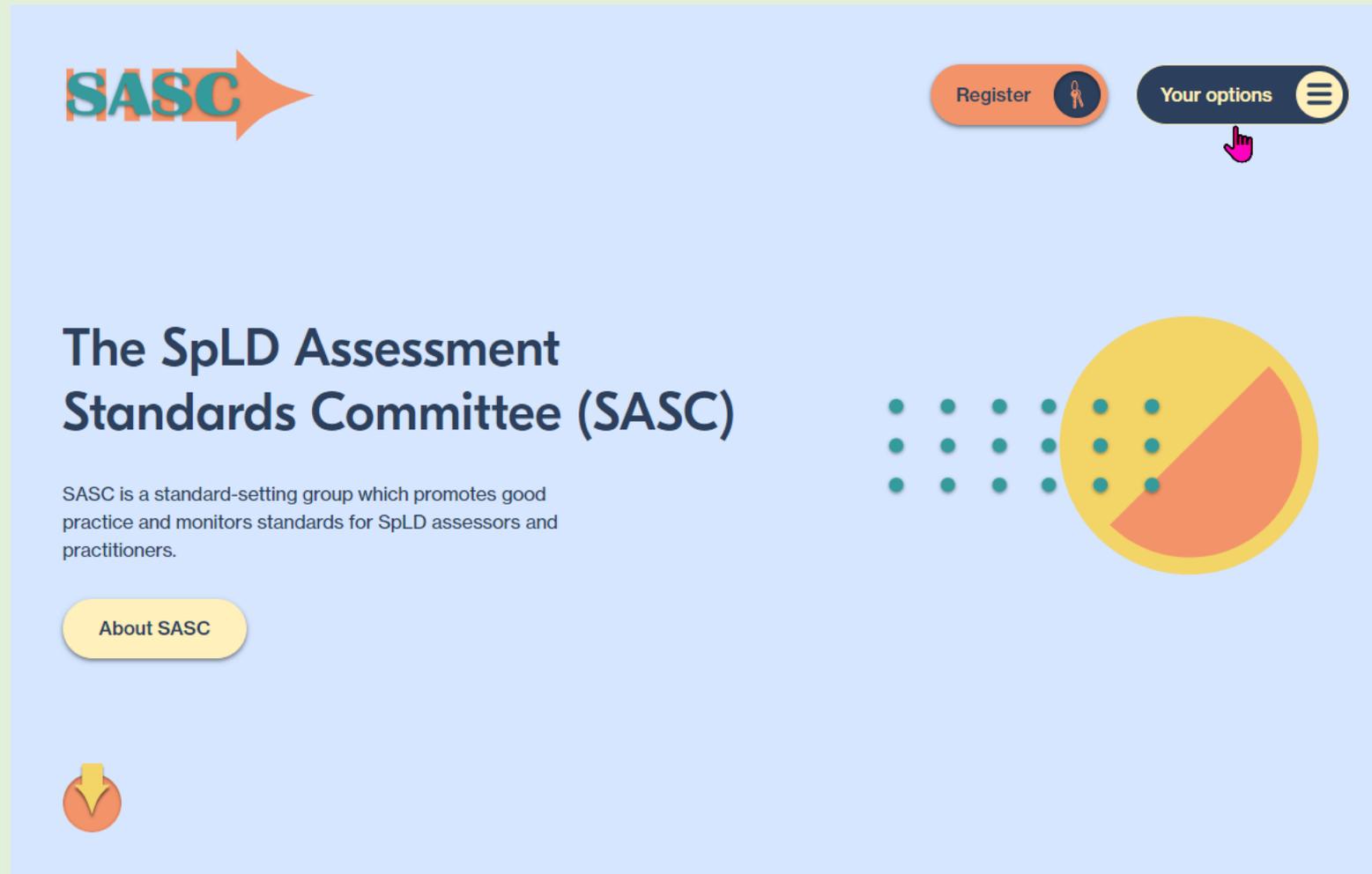
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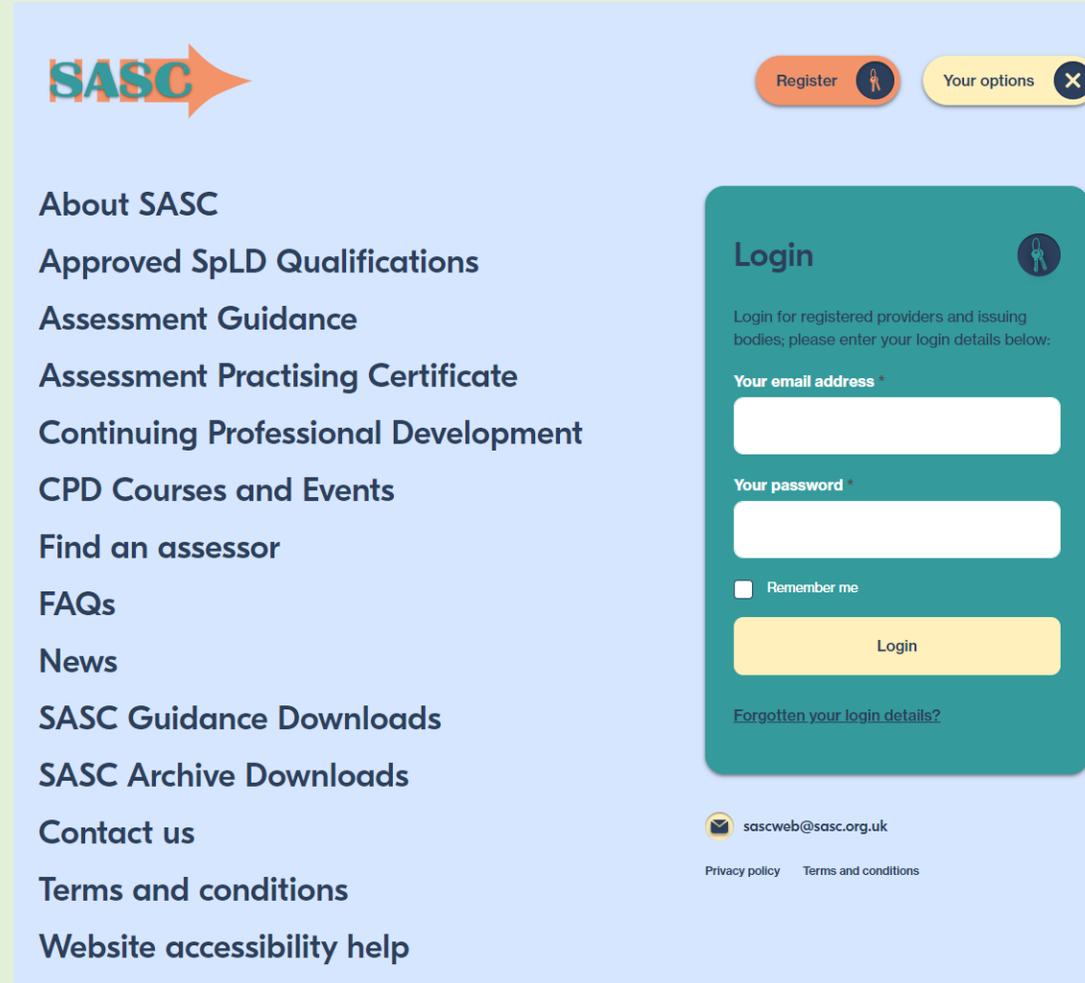
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# Home page helpful additional links

How can we help?



## Assessment Guidance

SASC guidance relating to the assessment of specific learning difficulties (SpLD).



## SASC Approved CPD Courses and Events

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## Find an Assessor

A publicly accessible list of professionally qualified specialist teacher assessors.



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News regarding SASC ongoing discussions on the assessment of maths difficulties/ dyscalculia and the establishment of a new working group to explore a number of issues concerning standards in the assessment of maths difficulties / dyscalculia. May 2023



### BOOK NOW for SASC 2023 Conference

Bookings are now open for the 2023 SASC Online Conference and AGM. The conference is free to SASC members. Non-members are welcome to book events for a fee. See the SASC 2023 Conference and AGM page for further details and booking. April 2023

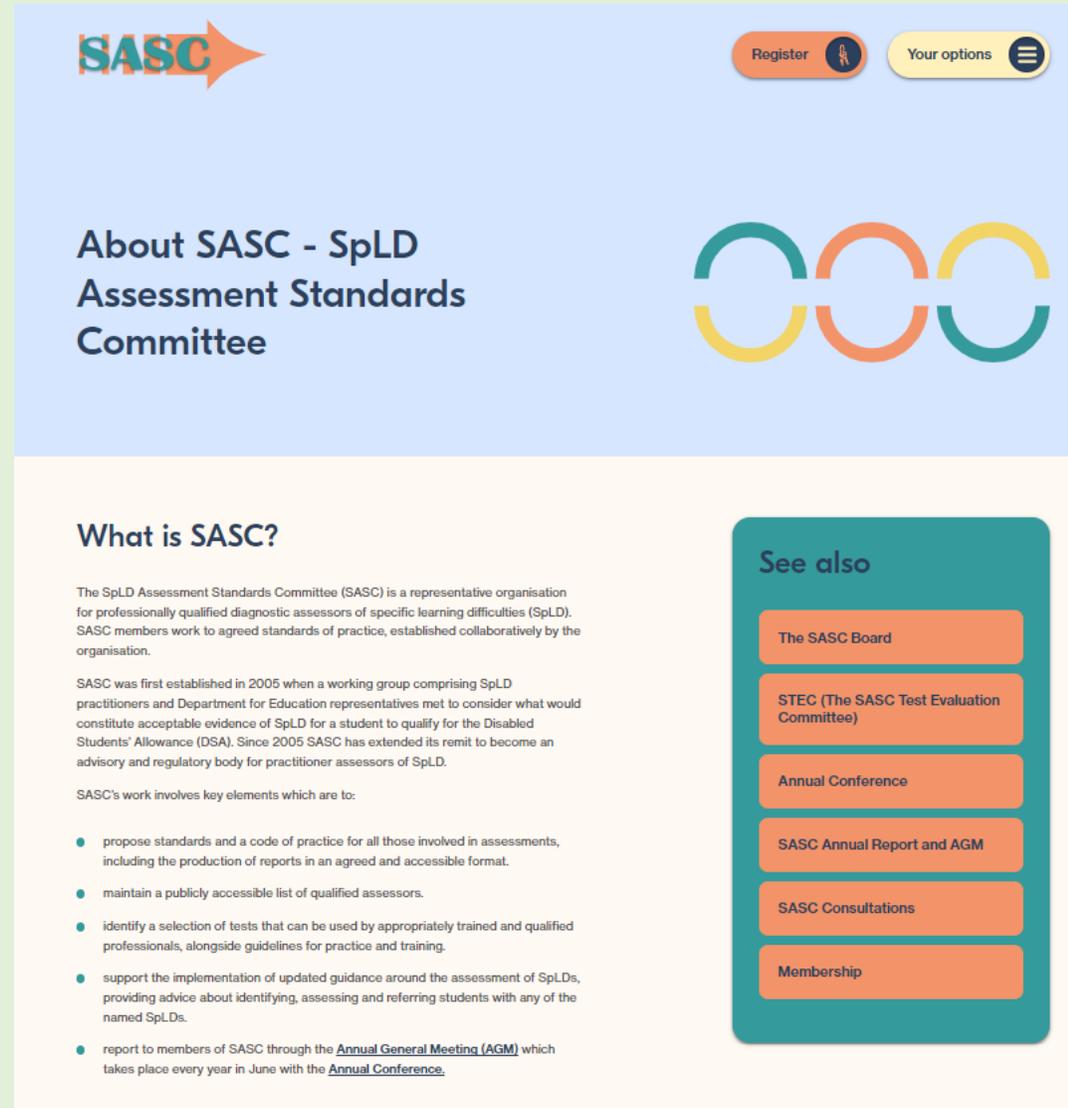


### SASC Consultation: Dyslexia

An update on SASC's consultation process to consider issues concerning the assessment and identification of dyslexia. March 2023



# Exploring about SASC



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## About SASC - SpLD Assessment Standards Committee

### What is SASC?

The SpLD Assessment Standards Committee (SASC) is a representative organisation for professionally qualified diagnostic assessors of specific learning difficulties (SpLD). SASC members work to agreed standards of practice, established collaboratively by the organisation.

SASC was first established in 2005 when a working group comprising SpLD practitioners and Department for Education representatives met to consider what would constitute acceptable evidence of SpLD for a student to qualify for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). Since 2005 SASC has extended its remit to become an advisory and regulatory body for practitioner assessors of SpLD.

SASC's work involves key elements which are to:

- propose standards and a code of practice for all those involved in assessments, including the production of reports in an agreed and accessible format.
- maintain a publicly accessible list of qualified assessors.
- identify a selection of tests that can be used by appropriately trained and qualified professionals, alongside guidelines for practice and training.
- support the implementation of updated guidance around the assessment of SpLDs, providing advice about identifying, assessing and referring students with any of the named SpLDs.
- report to members of SASC through the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** which takes place every year in June with the **Annual Conference**.

### See also

- The SASC Board
- STEC (The SASC Test Evaluation Committee)
- Annual Conference
- SASC Annual Report and AGM
- SASC Consultations
- Membership

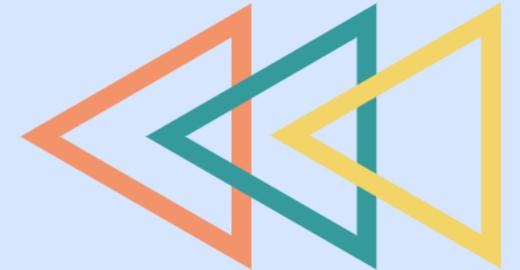
SASC Partners



# Assessment Guidance

## Assessment Guidance

SASC guidance relating to the assessment of specific learning difficulties (SpLD).



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SASC provides guidance in order to promote good practice in the psychological assessment of children and adults. Individuals with neurodiverse profiles or specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, ADD/ADHD and ASD can benefit from an effective assessment which is rigorous, comprehensive and appropriate.

SASC provides guidance for SpLD assessors on the use of appropriate tests and the careful interpretation of assessment test results. See the links on the right-hand side for further information.

For further recent papers on assessment see the SASC [Annual Conference 2022](#) presentations by Professor Joel Talcott, Professor Brian Lamb and Dr Margaret Crombie as well as STEC committee members.

#### See also

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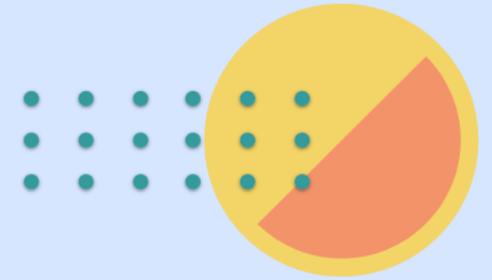
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# Assessment Test Guidance

## SASC Assessment Test Guidance



## SASC/STEC Assessment Guidance Information

SASC/ STEC Guidance Documents on SpLD Assessment Tests

ASSESSMENT TEST	SASC GUIDANCE AVAILABLE
Academic Achievement Battery	<a href="#">AAB Guidance Sept 2018</a> <a href="#">AAB Guidance 2014</a>
Comparison of Tests of Sense of Number	<a href="#">Comparison of Tests of Sense of Number SASC Guidance 2020</a>
DCD/Dyspraxia	<a href="#">DCD/Dyspraxia 2020</a>
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Reading and Writing Assessment	<a href="#">Assessing reading and writing speeds June 2020</a>
Remote Assessment	<a href="#">Remote assessment FAQs May 2021</a> <a href="#">Remote assessment in the identification of SpLDs 2021.</a> <a href="#">Evaluations of need and remote assessment in the identification of SpLDs. Test List Vs3 May 2021</a> <a href="#">Evaluations of need and remote assessment in the identification of SpLDs. Test list Vs2 April 2021</a>

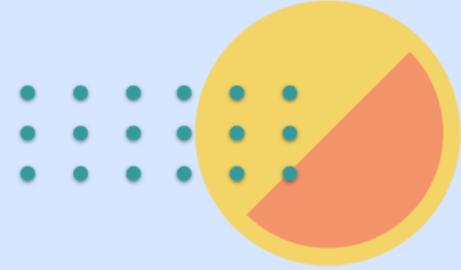


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# Test Lists

## Test Lists

Reviewed by the SASC Test Evaluation Committee



The SASC Test Evaluation Committee (STEC) regularly reviews assessment tests that are suitable for use by qualified, SpLD assessment practitioners.

The latest versions of the test lists produced by STEC can be found here:

<a href="#">Pre-16 Test List</a> of Suitable Tests for the Assessment of SpLDs	Issued June 2023
<a href="#">Post-16 Test List</a> of Suitable Tests for the Assessment of SpLDs	Issued June 2023
<a href="#">Evaluations of need and Remote Assessment</a> Test List Vs3	Issued May 2021
For further information on remote assessment see the Assessment Test Guidance section.	

STEC also produces guidance on newly reviewed tests to highlight some of the strengths of the tests and information to consider when using such tests. In order to ensure that assessors are fully informed on the materials they are using, it is expected that assessors will:

- read the available SASC/STEC Guidance on the tests (which is based on STEC's

### Assessment Guidance

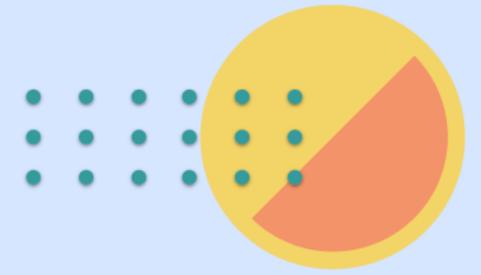
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Assessment Report Formats

# Report Formats

## Assessment Report Formats

Guidance on suitable assessment report formats.



SASC provides guidance on suitable assessment report formats for qualified SpLD assessors. The latest SASC approved report formats can be downloaded from the links below.

<a href="#">Pre-16 Report Format</a>	Issued May 2022
<a href="#">Post-16 Report Format</a>	Issued May 2022
<a href="#">Pre and Post 16 Report Formats Additional Guidance</a>	Issued May 2022

Please taken note of the small changes that have been made in these updated documents. A significant change is that regarding the length of Appendix 4 which now states that it should be 1-2 pages and no more than 2 pages in length. Along with updates made in October 2021, these changes have been highlighted in *yellow* in the Additional Report Formats Guidance document above.

Please contact [sasc@sasc.org.uk](mailto:sasc@sasc.org.uk) with additional questions or queries regarding these formats.

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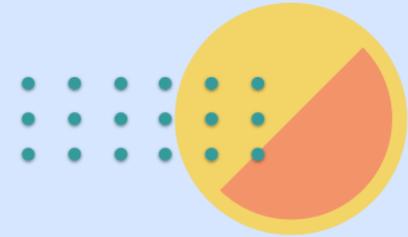
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# SpLD Assessor Qualifications leading to an APC

## SASC Approved SpLD Assessor Qualifications

Approved Postgraduate Courses for SpLD Teachers.



## Approved SpLD Assessor Qualifications

SASC approves level 7 postgraduate courses for SpLD teachers which lead to an SpLD Assessment Practising Certificate (APC).

### Courses Leading to an SpLD Assessment Practising Certificate

The following SASC approved courses will qualify successful candidates to apply for an SpLD Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) from a SASC Approved awarding organisation (BDA, Dyslexia Guild or Patoss).

*For courses that have been previously approved by SASC but are no longer taking enrolments for the course please see Archive Qualifications on side menu.*

SASC ACCREDITED COURSES: Current Courses	
Bath Spa University Postgraduate Certificate Level 7 60 credits	Specific Learning Difficulties/ Dyslexia <a href="#">Course Details</a>
British Dyslexia Association Accredited Courses at level 7	Recognised courses leading to AMBDA <a href="#">Courses List</a>
	MEd Professional Practice in Dyslexia and

### See also

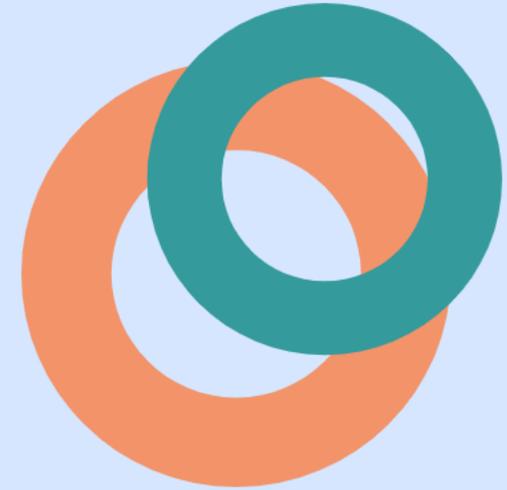
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[APC Course Approval](#)

# Downloads

## SASC Downloads

Recent SASC guidance documents can be searched here. Scroll down to view all documents or type in a key word.



## Search results

### Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

PDF / 838.58 KB

This guidance focuses on the assessment and identification of the characteristics of ADHD in individuals of any age.

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### APC Report Criteria

PDF / 783.95 KB

SASC 2020: A guide for consistency across issuing bodies for the evaluation of reports for Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) renewal applications.

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### Assessment Test Guidance STEC 2023

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For all SASC Test Evaluation Committee (STEC) Assessment Test guidance documents see the section: SASC Assessment Guidance from the Options Menu. A list of current test guidance is available to download here.

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### Autism Spectrum Conditions: Assessment and Identification

DOCX / 127.11 KB

The Assessment and Identification of Autism / Autism Spectrum Conditions for specialist teacher-assessors.

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**SASC/ STEC Guidance Documents on SpLD Assessment Tests: June 2023**

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# Search downloads by key words

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### Search results

#### **DCD/Dyspraxia: Assessment and Identification**

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SASC Guidance on the Assessment and Identification of Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD), also known, in the UK, as dyspraxia.

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# APC Guidance

## See also

[Continuing Professional Development](#)

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## Assessment Practising Certificate

Specialist teachers must hold a current Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) for the assessment of specific learning difficulties. The APC must be current and will have been issued by a relevant professional association, (BDA, Dyslexia Guild or PATOSS).

An APC recognises professional achievement at postgraduate level as well as a commitment to continuing professional development (CPD). An APC must be renewed on a regular basis and demonstrates a commitment to the regular updating of professional skills and competence through study, professional training and practice.

### Guidance on Continuing Professional Development for an APC

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is an essential requirement for professionals to maintain and extend their professional knowledge and skills. The CPD undertaken for APC renewal helps professionals to keep abreast of current research fields, changes in practice and new developments. SASC issues regular guidance to encourage the development of assessment and reporting skills and provides listings of approved CPD courses.

To count towards meeting APC requirements, CPD activities should be at an appropriate level and contribute to an SpLD assessor's general professional skill and knowledge. Full details of requirements and the range of CPD activities that could contribute to a relevant CPD log can be found in SASC Guidelines on Continuing Professional Development.

SASC APC Guidance Documentation	
<a href="#">CPD: SASC Guidelines</a>	2019
<a href="#">CPD: Requirements for all NEW APCs</a>	April 2019

# CPD Overview

## Continuing Professional Development



SASC considers Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to be an essential ingredient to maintaining and extending your professional knowledge and skills as a specialist teacher assessor. SASC provides regularly updated guidance for APC professionals and a listing of SASC Authorised CPD Events and Course details.

The CPD you undertake helps to keep you abreast of current research fields, changes in practice and new developments. To meet SASC guidelines for maintaining your Assessment Practising Certificate your CPD should cover the following five areas:

- Core 1 (C1) principles of psychometrics, statistics, assessment and underlying theory
- Core 2 (C2) SpLD testing methods, interpretation and test materials

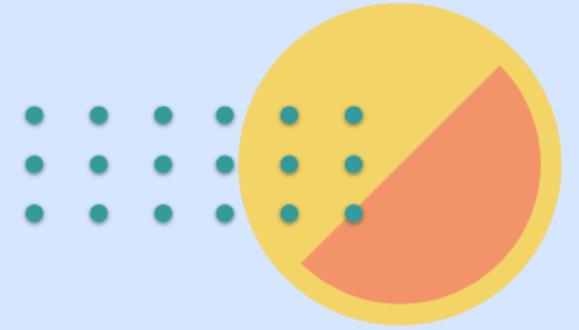
### See also

[CPD Course Approval](#)

# CPD Courses and Events

## CPD Courses and Events

Listed below are all current SASC Authorised CPD courses. Search by date or access the courses in the list below. For further details contact the course providers.



### Search for an event

From

Jun 2023 < >

To

Jun 2024 < >

CPD themes 1

- Reviewing principles of psychometrics, statistics, assessment and underlying theory
- SpLD testing methods, interpretation, report writing, feedback and test materials

Course types

- Distance
- Face-to-Face
- Blended

Search now

# Current CPD Events

All current  
events are listed  
alphabetically by  
default

## Search results

Refine your search

Using the Woodcock Johnson, 4th edition,(cognition) in relation to maths assessment: Education  
Access

What is it with the WRIT? : Patoss

What makes an effective assessment at post 16 for DSA? : BDA

What Makes an Effective Primary Assessment? : Patoss

WIAT-III UK T (Third UK edition for Teachers): administering, scoring and interpreting: DITTAS

# Event details

## Statistics for Assessors: DITTAS

### Themes

Reviewing principles of psychometrics, statistics, assessment and underlying theory

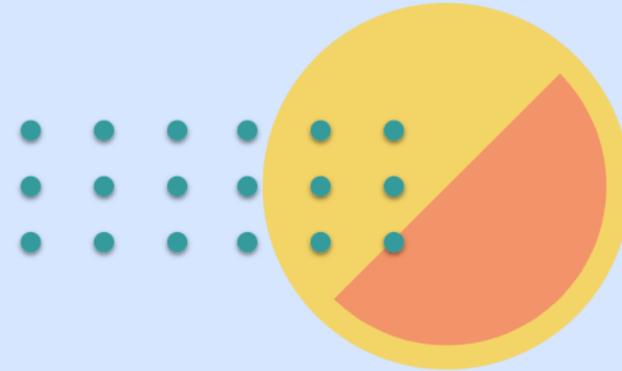
SpLD testing methods, interpretation, report writing, feedback and test materials

Provider	Date	Costs	Level
DITTAS	08 Feb 2023 - 08 Feb 2024	£35.00	2

[More details](#)

# Event details

## Statistics for Assessors: DITTAS



### Overview

Date(s)	08 Feb 2023 - 08 Feb 2024
Cost	£35.00
Provider	DITTAS
Delivery type	Distance
Course level	Advanced
Course summary	Course Rationale: This course offers students a theoretical understanding of the terminology frequently used in test manuals and when assessing for dyslexia. It provides practical examples and gives the delegate an opportunity to practice working out confidence bands based on a test's

### Booking options

Provider	DITTAS
Contact	Sarah Beard
Job title	<a href="https://www.dyslexiaservices.net/">https://www.dyslexiaservices.net/</a>
Email	<a href="mailto:dittaslimited@yahoo.co.uk">dittaslimited@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Call	<a href="tel:01689862610">01689862610</a>

# Find an assessor

## Find an SpLD Assessor

SASC maintains the national register of qualified, specialist teacher assessors holding a current Assessment Practising Certificate (APC). The register can be searched by the name of the assessor or their APC Code. The Awarding Body that has issued their APC is also shown.

Search by assessor name, APC code or award body



## Search results

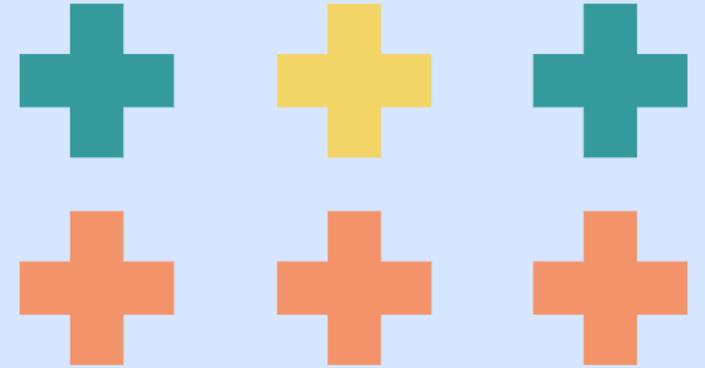
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# FAQs

## Frequently Asked Questions

For Qualified SpLD practitioners.



SASC aims to respond to current matters relating to the assessment of SpLD. Guidance documents are provided for qualified practitioners so that they may use these to assist them in their practice. A list of current documents can be found by following the links on the right hand side of this page.

### Frequently asked questions

What is SASC?

What is the difference between SASC and the membership professional bodies such as Patoss, Dyslexia Guild and the BDA?

### See also

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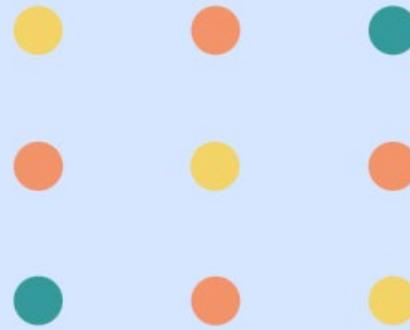
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# News

## SASC News

SASC publishes regular guidance and information. See [Your Options](#) (top right) for the different categories relevant to SpLD professionals. Recent news items are posted here and can be searched by topic.



Filter by category



### Welcome to the new SASC website

Welcome to the new SASC website. Our aim is to bring the website up to date using modern tools and technologies to improve your user experience. There will be a presentation on the new SASC website at our Annual Conference on 9th June 2023.



### 2023 Test Lists now available

The SpLD Test Evaluation Committee (STEC) revised Pre-16 and Post-16 Test Lists for the Assessment of Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs) are now available. June 2023



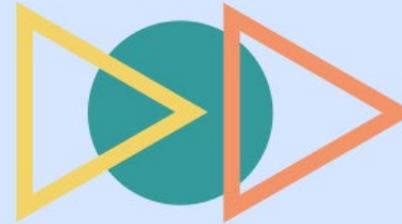
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# Contact

## Contact us

SASC aims to support and advance standards in SpLD assessment, training and practice and encourage improvements in best practice in the assessment of specific learning difficulties.



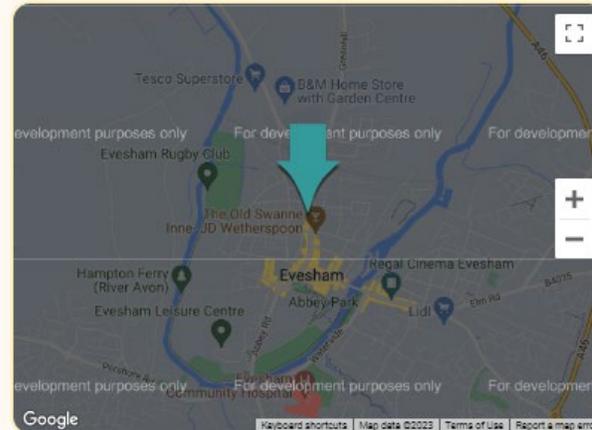
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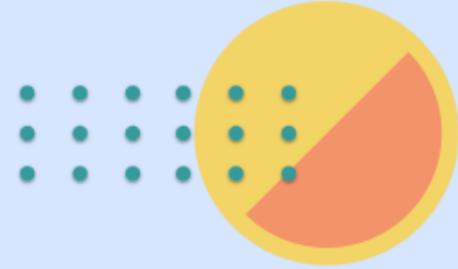
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# Accessibility

## Website accessibility help



**Accessibility benefits people with and without disabilities.**

### Features that support accessibility

Features that support accessibility are becoming increasingly available in standard computer hardware, mobile devices, operating systems, web browsers, and other tools. [Better Web Browsing: Tips for Customizing Your Computer](#) provides information about customizing your computer to take advantage of such accessibility features and solutions. We have adapted this useful information from W3C Web Accessibility initiative below to help you.

### Listening Rather than Reading

# Thank you – any questions

