Guidelines for GPs: Filling in Section C: Evidence of Disability Form 2027

Summary

- You can fill in Section C only if the appropriate medical professional has already made the diagnosis and you have their signed, dated document.
- Do not make the diagnosis yourself. DARE cannot accept it.
- Give the applicant the form and a copy of the document in which the diagnosis is confirmed by the appropriate medical professional.

Why you may be asked to fill in this form

The Disability Access Route to Education (DARE) is a college admissions scheme for students whose disabilities have negatively impacted their learning and education. DARE only accepts a diagnosis made by the appropriate medical professional for the applicant's disability/condition.

Some applicants cannot get confirmation from their medical professional. If so, you, as their general practitioner (GP), can fill in Section C: Evidence of Disability Form using the information you hold.

When you can fill in the form

You can fill in the form if you have a document from the appropriate medical professional that:

- clearly confirms and names the applicant's diagnosis
- is signed and dated by the appropriate medical professional
- is within the time limit, if one applies. See "Time limits" below.

Review the table of Disabilities and Conditions on the Section C: Evidence of Disability form at www.accesscollege.ie/dare-supportingdocuments.

Time limits

For Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), a Mental Health Condition or a Significant Ongoing Illness, you need **one** of these:

- an existing report from the appropriate medical professional with a diagnosis dated after 1 February 2024
- if the diagnosis was made before 1 February 2024, a letter from the appropriate medical professional dated after 1 February 2024. It must show that the applicant is still in their care, and name the diagnosis.

For ADD, ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder, the medical professional's document must list the tests used to make the diagnosis. Write these in Section 3 of the form.

When you cannot fill in the form

- You do not have a document from the appropriate medical professional. Refer the applicant to the appropriate medical professional.
- The applicant is applying with Dyslexia or Dyscalculia. They need a psychological assessment report or Section D: School Statement.
- You made the diagnosis. **DARE does not accept a diagnosis made by a GP.** The applicant will not be eligible for DARE if they submit a document where the diagnosis is made by a GP.

How to fill in the Section C: Evidence of Disability form

1. Download Section C from the DARE forms page (www.accesscollege.ie/dare-supportingdocuments).
2. In Section 2, write the **medical professional's** details, not your own. Give their name, profession, the date of their most recent report and the date of diagnosis.
3. Tick the box in the GP declaration section.
4. Fill in Sections 3 to 8 as they apply.
5. In the GP section at the end of the form, write your name, the date and your Irish Medical Council (IMC) number. Sign the form.
6. Stamp the form. If you do not have a stamp, attach your business card or a signed letter on your headed paper.
7. Give the applicant the form **and** a copy of the appropriate medical professional's document that confirms the diagnosis. You do not need to give them their whole file.

What happens next

The applicant posts the form and the medical professional's document to DARE Applications 2027, CAO, Tower House, Eglinton Street, Galway. They must arrive by **Wednesday 10 March 2027 at 5pm**.

Questions? Contact the DARE team at any college taking part in DARE. See the DARE website (www.accesscollege.ie/dare).