

Health Professional Report

AccessAbility Services



Student Number: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____
Last *First*

James Cook University is committed to ensuring people with a disability/health condition are able to participate to the fullest possible extent in the educational programs offered by the University and all other aspects of University life. AccessAbility Services provides services for students with a disability/health condition that aim to reduce the impact of their disability/health condition on their study and enable equal access to learning. If you have any questions please contact AccessAbility in either Townsville or Cairns to speak to an AccessAbility Advisor.

Student consent to release/exchange information (MUST be completed by student):

I _____ hereby give authority for _____
Student's name *Health Professional's name*

to release information relating to my disability/health condition to AccessAbility Services at James Cook University.

I also give authority for an AccessAbility Advisor to contact my health professional regarding my disability/health condition (optional).

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student's Signature

Health Professional to complete (NOT to be completed by student):

Diagnosis or nature of disability/health condition:

Treatment (including any therapy, medication and side-effects):

Please indicate whether this condition is:

Permanent. If so, is the condition:

Fluctuating

Degenerative

Exacerbation

Next review date:

Temporary. If so, is the condition:

Fluctuating

Unchanging

Exacerbation

Expected duration:

Impact of disability or health condition on study, placement and examinations at James Cook University (e.g. concentration, memory, fatigue, motivation, nausea, mobility, visual acuity, residual hearing):

Please indicate supports that may assist study arrangements for this student below: (e.g. Assistive technology/equipment, alternative formatting, extra reading and/or writing time considerations for assessments or examinations, ergonomic furniture, rest breaks, medication, separate venue for exams)

Comments provided will be taken into consideration in our assessment.

Professional's Details:

Practice Stamp:

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Details:

Townsville

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Medical Documentation Requirements

AccessAbility Services

To ensure that our service is able to provide you with the level of support you require, it is important that you read the following guidelines in relation to medical documentation required for your registration with the JCU AccessAbility Service.

All medical information supplied must

- » be completed by an appropriate treating health professional (comprehensive guidelines below);
- » contain the professional's stamp or provider number;
- » be signed and dated by the professional;
- » list the effects of any required medication;
- » identify and state the impacts of the condition on the student's ability to study, sit examinations, attend residential schools and placements, and satisfy other inherent requirements of the program of study.

For all conditions (except temporary conditions)

The treating health professional's report may be used to satisfy the above requirements.

However, additional specialist information will be required for the following:

- » **Learning disability** - documentation must provide evidence of learning disability based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV-TR or the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders V.
- » **ADHD** – Documentation must provide evidence of ADHD/ADD based on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

For temporary conditions

A medical certificate is sufficient provided it specifies:

- » the period of time which the student will be affected by the condition;
- » the impacts/limitations on the student in relation to study during this period.

Age of documentation

- » temporary conditions – medical certificate should be current for the period of assistance required (i.e. should state specific dates that the student is unwell/unfit/ impacted by the condition). If student requires assistance outside of the timeframe specified, an updated medical certificate or letter from doctor will be required;
- » fluctuating conditions – students with fluctuating conditions will be required to update medical documentation every 12 months;
- » permanent conditions – students with permanent conditions will not be required to re-supply additional medical documentation after the initial appointment with a disability advisor. If new accommodations are required after the initial appointment, students will be required to provide additional medical documentation.

Appropriate treating health professionals

Please note: To receive comprehensive support, medical evidence is required from the following treating health professionals

Vision/Blind

- » Ophthalmologist
- » Optometrist

Hearing/Deafness

- » Audiologist

Mental Health Condition

- » Psychiatrist
- » Registered Psychologist
- » General Practitioner

Medical

- » Medical specialist
- » General Practitioner

Neurodevelopmental

- » Paediatrician
- » Registered psychologist
- » Psychiatrist Acquired brain injury
- » Neurologist
- » Psychiatrist
- » Neuro-psychologist

Physical/Mobility

- » General practitioner
- » Medical specialist
- » Physiotherapist/Occupational therapist.