

Who needs a computer reader/reader?



A candidate with a disability or learning difficulty which leads to persistent and significant reading difficulties.

A candidate cannot be awarded a computer reader/reader if their literacy difficulties are primarily caused by English, Irish or Welsh not being their first language.

What evidence is required for a computer reader/reader?

The SENCo must produce a statement confirming the nature of the candidate's impairment.

The SENCo must confirm that the use of a computer reader/reader reflects the candidate's current and normal way of working within the centre.



Where is the evidence for a computer reader/reader recorded?

Where a candidate with learning difficulties requires a Form 8 for 25% extra time and/or a scribe, the need for a computer reader/reader is recorded within Part 1 of Form 8.

Standardised scores **are not** required for a computer reader/reader.

Where a candidate with learning difficulties only requires a computer reader/reader, the SENCo must produce a short concise file note.

Where a candidate has a current/valid EHCP*, or an impairment other than a learning difficulty, the SENCo must produce a short concise file note.

*A Statement of Special Educational Needs (Northern Ireland) or an Individual Development Plan (Wales)



Is an online application needed for a computer reader/reader?

Yes: an online application **must** always be processed using Access arrangements online.