

**The British Dyslexia Association's mission is to create a dyslexia friendly society.**

To achieve this we set the standard nationally and internationally for Dyslexia Friendly practices with our Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark.

The Quality Mark strives to address barriers throughout society. There are tailor-made criteria for the areas that most dyslexic individuals will progress through in their lives: schools, colleges, vocational training establishments, universities and companies.

Whilst many organisations are already starting to show some improvements in dyslexia awareness, we believe that it is not just about having appropriate classes, seminars and meetings but about the whole of the organisation; its practices and its ethos.

The BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark comprises sets of standards that organisations work towards in order to become dyslexia-friendly and attain the Quality Mark award.

The basic structure of the Quality Mark is the same for all organisations but the process and specifics of the standards have been adapted to match different settings, including:

- Schools
- Further Education institutions
- Universities and Higher Education institutions
- Local authorities
- Youth offending teams
- Northern Ireland schools
- Children and Young People's services
- Private companies
- Post 16 providers.

Visit our website at [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk) to download a copy of the standards and registration form that are appropriate to your organisation.

## **Registration**

The process begins with your registration, which signifies your commencement onto the programme and allows you a two-year period to work through the standards towards verification.

## **Audit**

Most organisations conduct an internal audit using the standards document, which provides a snap shot of your current status and is used to construct an action plan to ensure you complete each of the standards.

## **Evidence**

The evidence collated to support your compliance with the standards is the key to your successful verification which would take place within two years of registration.

If successful, your organisation will hold Quality Mark status for 3 years, after which, you would need to be re-verified.

**“It’s made us realise how much we already have in place.”**

“Holding the BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark is a very positive statement that lets people know that your organisation is a **good** place for dyslexic individuals”

**“It has made people aware of the issues. Some staff have realized that ‘dyslexic friendly’ is actually ‘pupil friendly’ and aids learning across the board.”**

**“The Quality Mark will definitely make an improvement!”**

**“I feel I have a much greater understanding of dyslexia and the support we provide.”**



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