

Assistance Animal Application Process (Students)

RVC define Assistance Dogs as those that have been specifically trained to assist a disabled person and which have been qualified by an organisation registered with [Assistance Dogs \(UK\)](#) or an equivalent organisation in another country such as the [Assistance Dogs International \(ADI\)](#) or the [International Guide Dog Federation \(IGDF\)](#).

Any student enquiring about assistance animals should be directed to contact RVC's Student Disability Adviser by emailing disability@rvc.ac.uk

The Disability Adviser will obtain further information from the student and ask them to complete the Assistance Animal application form and provide relevant supporting documentation

Once the application and supporting evidence is received, the Disability Adviser, seeking advice from the Head of the Advice Centre as necessary, will decide whether the request meets the criteria for assistance animals under the RVC code of conduct for dogs on campus and Equality Act requirements.

If the Disability Adviser considers that the request for an assistance animal would constitute a ~~request~~ request for an as