

MCERTS Manual Stack Emission Monitoring Personnel Certification Scheme

Dyslexic candidates

Dyslexia is a registered disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and is defined as a Specific Learning Difficulty. Dyslexic candidates may have certain difficulties with reading, spelling and writing.

Dyslexic candidates applying for multiple choice and narrative examinations are requested to provide evidence to Sira of their dyslexia. The evidence should be in the form of an assessment from a local dyslexia association, such as <http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk> and signed by a Chartered Psychologist or equivalent.

Once satisfactory evidence has been received, Sira will review the assessment and discuss with the candidate how to proceed. This can include the following:

- The use of a separate examination room
- Providing exam papers in large font size
- The provision of a "reader" and/or "writer"
- The use of a computer/keyboard (provided by Sira) to type answers to narrative questions
- Use of a colour overlay by the candidate (overlay to be provided by candidate)
- Up to a maximum of 50% more time to complete examinations

In general, even if a candidate has not notified Sira of their dyslexia, the following applies to all MCERTS examinations:

- Spelling and grammatical errors will not affect the grade
- Answers may be written in note form
- Exam papers are printed single sided

Where a separate exam room is required or where an invigilator is required to read out questions to the candidate, the examination will usually be held at the address shown below.

Sira Certification Service will maintain a MCERTS register of all certified personnel which will be used to verify and provide information upon request as to whether the individual holds a current, valid certification and the scope of their certification.