
Reasonable Adjustments - Statera Academy

Both WSET and Statera Academy want to make WSET assessments accessible for all students, so none are at an advantage or disadvantage based on a disability or differing ability. This policy and the reasonable adjustment process allows us Statera Academy to work with you, our student, *before an assessment* to gather the information we need to submit a request to WSET and work with them to make arrangements that give students access to WSET qualifications.

A **reasonable adjustment** is any accommodation or arrangement that helps to reduce the effect of a known disability or difficulty that substantially disadvantages a student's assessment. Using a reasonable adjustment does not impact how WSET grades your exam, or your result, but WSET cannot agree to reasonable adjustments where your particular difficulty directly affects performance necessary to complete the assessment outcomes (e.g. inability to smell or taste for a Level 3 Exam). The goal of a reasonable adjustment is to give you equal access to a WSET qualification, not to give unfair advantages over other students who take an assessment without the same adjustment, or to affect the overall reliability of the assessment outcomes that are explained in the course Specification.

Examples of reasonable adjustments may be:

- Changing standard assessment arrangements, for example allowing candidates extra time to complete the assessment activity;
- Adapting assessment materials, such as providing materials in large text format;
- Providing access facilitators during assessment, such as a sign language interpreter or reader;
- Reorganizing the assessment room, such as removal of visual stimuli for an autistic candidate.

Statera Academy will gather the information we need from you to submit a Reasonable Adjustment Application form to WSET. WSET must approve and arrange reasonable adjustments before the assessment activity takes place. Before completing enrolment with Statera Academy, we will give all students access to this policy and the chance to identify any special needs that could require a reasonable adjustment. If a student identifies a special need, Statera Academy will give the student the Reasonable Adjustment Application form as

soon as possible and work with the student to gather the necessary information.

For any student seeking a reasonable adjustment, please contact **Keith Nicholson** at Keith@StateraAcademy.ca with:

- Your full name;
- contact information;
- description of the special need, disability or differing ability that requires an adjustment; and
- supporting documentation.
You must submit this information at least **25 days** before the exam date for Levels 1-3 qualifications. The information you submit will be shared with WSET and will be handled under WSET's Privacy and Data Protection Policy.

Statera Academy will keep records of all reasonable adjustment applications.