Working with a reader

Reasonable adjustment

A reader is a person employed by the university to read for a student during a test or exam. Use of a reader is recommended by the student’s Disability Assessment Advisor when the student, due to a disability or health condition, is unable to read without aid during an exam.

Readers are assigned by the Accessibility Service throughout session and during the supplementary period, and by the exams department for the final exam period. Readers will also act as exam supervisor and scribe (if required).

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Your reader will meet you at your designated exam location. This will be a private room where your reader can speak comfortably and in private.
- Most likely you will not be given the same reader for every exam.
- Readers will read text exactly as it is written/printed. They are unable to clarify statements or interpret the question in any way.
- Readers may repeat a question or your written response as many times as you need.

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Directing the reader to read any instruction prior to the start of the exam.
- Directing what the reader reads throughout the exam.
- Bringing any materials needed for the exam, such as a calculator or 2B pencil.
- Reviewing their work before the end of the exam time.

READERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Ensuring the academic integrity of the exam.
- Speaking in a clear, even tone.

If you have any questions prior to the commencement of your exam, you can contact your Disability Assessment Adviser (campuswellbeing@mq.edu.au, 9850 7497) or your Disability Adjustment Liaison Officer (disability.adjustments@mq.edu.au).