

STUDENT VERSION



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ADHD characteristics can range from inattention (what may look like “laziness” or a “lack of interest”) to hyperactivity-impulsivity (feeling urges to move or do something and like you have to do it *now*). People with ADHD usually show these characteristics in at least two settings (school, home, work, etc.).

Specific Documentation Guidelines for ADHD Explanation:

- a) Will typically have a letter, followed by some numbers and the name of the diagnosis.
- b) Things like medications, classroom setting, and so much more can impact attention, activity level, etc., so we want to get as recent of a view as possible of your abilities.
- c) This information helps with the support of your diagnosis and request for accommodations when we turn in our paperwork to the RCLD. They want to make sure the testing was recent enough, that the person who diagnosed you has the proper credentials to do so, and that the testing they did with you fits your needs. **A lot of the time, this person may have a PhD or a PsyD. Other individuals may meet the qualifications to be an examiner or write your report, but check with us before you request documentation or complete a test with them to see if they fit the criteria.**

Assessment of the Following Diagnostic Criteria Explanation:

- a) What were you like in childhood? Who else can give more information about you and your behaviors? The information should tell us that your home and/or school life was impacted by the diagnosis.
- b) What are things like for you now? Things you say about yourself should be able to be supported by people who interact with you (the examiner, a therapist, a psychiatrist, etc.). We should be able to understand how your diagnosis impacts your life academically, at work, socially, etc.
- c) How often/severely does your diagnosis impact your ability to do things your classmates without this diagnosis are able to do? We should be able to understand how your diagnosis sets you apart from your peers.

This is the criteria established by the Georgia Board of Regents. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (706)737-1469. Thank you for your assistance.

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