



Role Description

ROLE TITLE:	Practitioner Psychologists to assess athletes with an intellectual impairment's eligibility for the Paralympic sports of Athletics, Swimming and Table Tennis
TYPE OF CONTRACT:	Freelance
HOURS OF WORK:	Ad hoc. Each athlete assessment usually takes up to four hours. It's likely that each psychologist will be asked to do two to four assessments per year
ROLE PURPOSE:	To assess athletes with an intellectual impaired and produce an IQ and adaptive behaviour reports, in line with the Virtus eligibility requirements
REMUNERATION	Psychologists will receive a flat fee of £200 per athlete, directly from the athlete

QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified psychologist (Educational or Clinical)

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

- Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) (not temporary list)
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate that is less than three years old
- Appropriate professional indemnity insurance coverage
- Attend induction session and annual professional development sessions, as directed by the British Paralympic Association and UK Sport Association for People with Learning Disability

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALITIES

Essential

- Experience in the assessment of adults who may have an intellectual impairment
- Experience of using assessments recognised by Virtus, these assessments include IQ assessments such as WISC, WAIS, and adaptive behaviour assessments such as the Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, ABAS
- Exclusive access to the assessments recognised by Virtus
- Capacity and flexibility to carry out an athlete assessment within one month of being notified
- Able to arrange a suitable location for assessing the athlete

Desirable

- Membership of the BPS [Faculty for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) and/or other professionally linked organisations associated with intellectual impairments
- Interested in sport for people with intellectual impairment

If you are interested in this role, please send an Expression of Interest and your CV to classification@paralympics.org.uk



Role Description (Virtus & Paralympic sport)

ROLE TITLE:	Practitioner Psychologists to assess athletes with an intellectual impairment's eligibility for Virtus and Paralympic sport across the UK. (athletics, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, judo, cricket, tennis, equestrian, football and others)
TYPE OF CONTRACT:	Freelance
HOURS OF WORK:	Ad hoc. Each athlete assessment usually takes up to four hours. It's likely that each psychologist may be asked to do two to four assessments per year dependant on availability and location
ROLE PURPOSE:	To assess athletes with an intellectual impairment and produce an IQ and adaptive behaviour report, in line with the Virtus eligibility requirements
REMUNERATION	Psychologists will receive a flat fee of £200 per athlete.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified psychologist (Educational or Clinical)

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

- Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) (not temp list)
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate that is less than three years old
- Appropriate professional indemnity insurance coverage
- Attend induction session and annual professional development sessions, as requested by the UK Sport Association for People with Learning Disability

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALITIES

Essential

- Experience in the assessment of adults and young people who may have an intellectual impairment.
- Experience of using assessments recognised by Virtus, these assessments include IQ assessments such as WISC, WAIS, and adaptive behaviour assessments such as the Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, ABAS
- Exclusive access to the assessments recognised by Virtus
- Capacity and flexibility to carry out an athlete assessment within one month of being notified
- Able to arrange a suitable location for assessing the athlete

Desirable

- Membership of the BPS [Faculty for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) and/or other professionally linked organisations associated with intellectual impairments
- Interested in sport for people with intellectual impairment

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Seeking Expert members to UKSA National Eligibility Committee

The UK Sports Association (UKSA) is seeking to immediately appoint up to 3 psychologists (panel members) to take a professional role on its National Eligibility Committee (NEC). One member will take on the lead role of UKSA Head National Eligibility Officer (HNEO)

The National Eligibility Committee (NEC) provides a critical function in eligibility and classification for athletes with intellectual impairment, Down syndrome and autism in the UK.

The NEC is a sub-committee of the UKSA Board of Trustees and has the responsibility to consider and evaluate athlete eligibility applications for athletes seeking competitive opportunities in disability sport with aspirations for either the Paralympic or Virtus Global Games. This is a multi-sport UK wide system. The role is undertaken remotely making use of email and internet.

The UK Sports Association is the national charity that promotes, facilitates and supports talented sports people with intellectual impairment, Down syndrome and autism in the UK to train, compete and excel in national and international sport. UKSA is recognised by UK Sport, is a member of the British Paralympic Association and is the official Great Britain member of Virtus. UKSA manages the evaluation of eligibility and classification in the UK and has the overview and custodianship of the entire system for this group of athletes across the UK.

National Eligibility Officer (NEO) (x3) **One appointee will fulfil Head NEO role**

REMUNERATION: This is a voluntary role. Out of pocket expenses will be re-imbursed. The role will be carried out remotely and on-line so no costs are anticipated.

TIME COMMITMENT: Application Evaluations, ad-hoc to fit around other commitments. Attend 2 NEC meetings per year, plus international briefings each quarter by arrangement.

ROLE PURPOSE: To consider and evaluate the outcomes of athletes IQ and adaptive behaviour assessments and applications through a peer to peer review approach.

To determine whether there is sufficient evidence presented by an applicant, to approve or reject applications benchmarking decisions against international criteria in line with Virtus eligibility requirements.

To work in tandem with the CEO to manage the system, providing advice, navigate queries, or appeals and be an expert advisor in this area.

To provide overall expert advice and guidance to enable UKSA to fulfil its obligations within the Virtus eligibility system, ensuring a robust, expert eligibility and classification system across the UK is maintained.

Lead NEO to attend UKSA Board meetings to report on activities of the NEC.



QUALIFICATIONS

- Qualified practitioner psychologist (Educational or Clinical)

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

- Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) (not temp list)
- A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Certificate that is less than three years old
- Appropriate professional indemnity insurance coverage
- Attend induction session and CPD as requested by the UK Sport Association for People with Learning Disability
- Panel members are appointed for a period of 2 years, with the opportunity for re-appointment.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALITIES

Essential

- Must be a registered psychologist, familiar with intelligence and adaptive behaviour techniques and in good standing with the HCPC and the UK Sports Association.
- A good understanding of the definition and diagnosis of intellectual disability/impairment.
- Capacity and flexibility to evaluate applications provided by the CEO within 2 weeks of receipt.
- Experience in the assessment of adults and/or under 18's who may have an intellectual impairment. (Final selection of members will need to span expertise across this group)
- Knowledge of assessments recognised by Virtus, these assessments include IQ assessments such as WISC, WAIS, and adaptive behaviour assessments such as the Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, ABAS.
- Access to, and be familiar with, the internet, email and drop box

Desirable

- An understanding or interest in sport for people with intellectual impairment.
- Membership of the BPS [Faculty for People with Intellectual Disabilities](#) and/or other professionally linked organisations associated with intellectual impairments

If you are interested in this role, please email info@uksportsassociation.org with your CV and covering letter explaining your suitability and availability to carry out the role.

You may also wish to telephone 0207 490 3057 for an informal chat with the UKSA CEO, Tracey McCillen for any clarification points, or email tracey.mccillen@uksportsassociation.org

More information on the eligibility and classification process is available at www.uksportsassociation.org