

For Use by Local Authority Specialist Staff Only

Part 4 - SEND Teaching Support Team – Blind or Vision Impairment

3.1 Eligibility Criteria for Statutory Assessment for an Education, Health and Care Plan

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| Name: | Date of Birth: | TVI: |
| Setting/Educational Placement: | | Date: |
| <p>A certificate of visual impairment is not required to access support from the Local Authority. Children and young people can access a Teacher of Children and Young People with Vision Impairment from birth. This is so that the child's early development can be supported.</p> | | |
| Certification: yes/no/don't know | | Registration: yes/no/don't know |

1. This assessment must be completed by the SAT for B/VI, from CCC SEND TST, involved with the child or young person.

Vision loss reference tables

The National Sensory Impairment Partnership classification has been referenced for vision loss. Acuity criteria are for guidance purposes only. The professional judgement of a teacher of children and young people with vision impairment should be applied as necessary to decide on the classification. For example, a child or young person may have a mild reduction in visual acuity but be functioning within a different visual category due to an additional ophthalmic condition, e.g. an oculomotor disorder such as nystagmus, visual field reduction, and/or cerebral vision impairment. Professional judgement will be used and will note any additional factors such as distance, crowding or processing.

The National Sensory Impairment Partnership Distance Vision Criteria 2015

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| Mild vision loss | Within the range 6/12 - 6/18 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.3 – 0.48) |
| Moderate vision loss | Less than 6/19 - 6/36 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.5 – 0.78) |
| Severe vision loss | Less than 6/36 - 6/120 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.8 – 1.3) |
| Profound vision loss | Less than 6/120 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 1.32+) |

| Cumbria Criterion 1.1: Degree of VI - distance (corrected vision with both eyes open – see Vision loss reference table above) | |
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| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have a vision impairment. |
| B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monocular. Mild (generally Within the range 6/12 - 6/18 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.3 – 0.48)). Fluctuating vision impairment (with reasonable vision for a considerable amount of time). Functional mild loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate (generally Less than 6/19 - 6/36 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.5 – 0.78)). Fluctuating vision impairment. Functional moderate loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe (generally 6/36 or less Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.8)). Fluctuating vision impairment. Functional severe loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Profound vision impairment (generally Less than 6/60 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 1.0)). Functional profound loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| Comments | |

| Cumbria Criterion 1.2: Degree of VI - near (corrected vision with both eyes open - see Vision loss reference table above) | |
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| A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have a vision impairment. |
| B | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monocular. Mild (generally within the range of N14-18). Fluctuating vision impairment (with reasonable vision for a considerable amount of time). Functional mild loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate (generally within the range of N18-24). Fluctuating vision impairment. Functional moderate loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |
| D | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe (generally within the range of N24). Fluctuating vision impairment. Functional severe loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. |

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| E | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profound vision impairment. • Functional profound loss due to Cerebral Vision Impairment or other visual factors such as visual field loss or nystagmus. • Requires N36 to read print and or cannot read N36 at 33 cms. • Very limited useful vision for educational purposes/Braille user. |
| Comments | |

Bands and Description/Scores

| Band | Description/Score |
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| Band 1 - (Mild SEND) | |
| Band 2 - (Moderate SEND) | |
| Band 3 - (Severe SEND) | |
| Band 4 - (More Severe SEND) | |
| Band 5 - (Profound SEND) | |
| Band 6 - (Exceptional SEND) | |

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| Specialist Advisory Teacher | Name | Signature | Date |
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