

# Blindness status code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270668
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing whether an individual has become legally blind in either one or both eyes during the previous 12 months.

## Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Blindness - (< 6/60) occurred in either or both eyes in the last 12 months
	2	Blindness - (< 6/60) occurred in either or both eyes prior to the last 12 months
	3	Blindness - (< 6/60) occurred in one eye within 12 months and in the other eye prior to the last 12 months
	4	No blindness
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 3    Blindness - (< 6/60) occurred in one eye within 12 months and in the other eye prior to the last 12 months  Blindness can be diagnosed in one eye within 12 months even though it has been previously diagnosed on the other eye.
<b>Collection Methods:</b>	Ask the individual if he/she has been diagnosed as legally blind (< 6/60) in both or either eye. If so record whether it has occurred within or prior to the last 12 months.  Alternatively determine blindness from appropriate documentation obtained from an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

## Relational attributes

<b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Person—blindness, code N</a> <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
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