Blindness indicator

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Property |
| METEOR identifier: | 647389 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |
| Definition: | An indicator of permanent blindness. An individual is permanently blind if:* visual acuity on the Snellen Scale after correction by suitable lenses is less than 6/60 in both eyes;
* a field of vision constricted to 10 degrees or less of arc around central fixation in the better eye irrespective of corrected visual acuity (equivalent to 1/100 white test object);
* a combination of visual defects resulting in the same degree of visual impairment as that occurring in the above points.
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| Property group: | [Impairment characteristic](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/525483) |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Government Department of Social Services |
| Origin: | Office of Parliamentary Counsel 2016. Guide to Social Security Law. 3.6.2.40 Assessment of Blindness for DSP. Viewed 27 September 2016, <http://guides.dss.gov.au/guide-social-security-law/3/6/2/40>. |
| Relational attributes |
| Data Element Concepts implementing this property: | [Recipient—blindness indicator](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/647393)       [Commonwealth Department of Social Services (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/7), Standard 20/06/2018 |