

# Blindness indicator

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Property

**METEOR identifier:** 647389

**Registration status:**

- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), 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.

**Property group:** [Impairment characteristic](#)

## 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](#)
- [Commonwealth Department of Social Services \(retired\)](#), Standard 20/06/2018