

Fact sheet 5:

Students with vision impairments

Vision impairments can range from partial loss of sight to total blindness.

Vision impairment may affect any of the following:

- time management skills
- organisational skills
- time required to complete tasks
- accessing information
- recording information
- receiving notification of information
- other factors depending upon the specific nature of the impairment

There are reasonable adjustments that may be made to teaching, learning and assessment practices by tertiary providers to assist students with disabilities. Listed below are examples of the different supports and accommodations that may be available.

Tick the boxes that best meet your study needs:

- lecture material in advance
- alternative formats of texts and study materials
- all printed material to be on coloured paper (colour: _____)
- essential reading lists in advance
- flexibility in assignment deadlines
- people to face me when speaking

- verbal notification when entering or leaving a room
- all written material conveyed verbally
- appropriate notification of last minute organisational changes
- taped lectures
- alternative course assessment
- enrolment assistance
- housing or accommodation assistance
- media services assistance
- library assistance
- assistance at food or beverage outlets
- laboratory assistance
- alternative exam arrangements (Disability Adviser)
- specialised equipment (Disability Adviser)
- support staff (Disability Adviser)
- other: _____

To find out more about the different supports and accommodations available at your tertiary provider contact disability staff for a confidential chat.

Refer to Worksheet 5: Questions to ask the Disability Liaison Officer or Student Support Officer, Worksheet 7: Key questions and Worksheet 4: Understanding your study requirements, all of which complement this Fact Sheet.