

Determining the Need for Assessments for a Student with a Vision Loss

Certification and assessment for the category of Visual Impairment is based on medical documentation. Please complete the following to determine if a functional vision and/or orientation & mobility assessments are required.

<p>A. Has the student been to an eye doctor within the past year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If YES, complete section B. ● If NO, DO NOT request a functional vision and/or orientation & mobility assessment. Suggest parents take child for an examination. A visual impairment requires immediate and regular medical intervention. 	YES	NO
<p>B. Does the student have an eye report documenting a visual condition obtained within the last year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If YES, complete section C. ● If NO, DO NOT request an assessment. An eye report must be obtained before a functional vision assessment and/or orientation & mobility assessment can be requested. 	YES	NO
<p>C. Does the eye report document one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visual acuity of 20/70 or worse (ex. 20/80, 20/100, 20/200, etc.) in the better eye with best correction OR ● Field of vision is limited to 20 degrees or less OR ● A progressive condition that will lead to visual impairment OR ● A diagnosis of cortical visual impairment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If YES, request a functional vision assessment and/or orientation & mobility assessment. ● If NO, DO NOT request a functional vision and/or orientation & mobility assessment. Contact district or HCDB staff listed below for specific questions and concerns. 	YES	NO

Considerations:

- Consider referring all initial evaluations to the Hawaii Center for the Deaf and the Blind (HCDB.)
- Comprehensive evaluations can include: functional vision, orientation & mobility, educational, audiological, speech/language, cognitive, social history assessments.
- HCDB does not perform classroom observations, occupational therapy or physical therapy assessments. School or district level staff can assist with them.
- Consider referring students with a visual loss for hearing screening with school level speech pathologist to rule out additional sensory loss.
- Submit this form, eye report, Form 101 – Request For Assessment, Form 102 – Consent For Assessment, and Prior Written Notice indicating the assessments the team is requesting from HCDB immediately after meeting. HCDB fax number is 735-8235. Contact Kristine Takekawa, via Lotus Notes or at 733-4827, with questions.
- More detailed Referral Process and Diagnostic Team contact information at HCDB website: <http://web.hcdb.k12.hi.us/>