

Education and Support Service

We provide education, training and support for community organisations, family, carers and allied health care professionals regarding vision impairment and the impact on independence.

This includes:

- Workshops about eye conditions and handy hints about assisting a person with vision impairment
- Sighted guide training which is an effective method of safely guiding a person with a vision impairment
- Group sessions for people with a vision impairment
- Group sessions for carers.

Referrals

A referral can be made for services to Guide Dogs SA.NT by any source, including a person with vision loss, family member, friend or a general practitioner.

All Guide Dogs SA.NT services are provided free to the client.



Guide Dogs SA.NT provides quality integrated services to people who are Deaf, hearing impaired, blind, vision impaired or Deafblind.

South Australia Head Office

We have temporarily relocated until 2010 to:
33 Exeter Terrace, Devon Park SA 5008

We will then return to:
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Vision Services

Helping achieve freedom
and independence





Orientation and Mobility Services

Orientation and mobility instructors train people who are vision impaired to travel safely, efficiently and independently in a range of environments.

We can help individual clients to:

- Learn to safely manage stairs, road crossings, public transport and hazards under varying conditions
- Use assistive devices, such as a white cane or electronic devices (including GPS).

We also provide services for children, including residential Life Skills Camps.

Acquired Brain Injury Vision Services

People who have sustained an acquired brain injury through a stroke, injury or brain tumour may sometimes also experience vision loss. Guide Dogs SA.NT has been a leader in this specialised field since 1985.

Our services include:

- Comprehensive assessment using the Vision Assessment Scanning System (VASS)
- Educating the client to understand the nature of their vision loss
- Therapy provided in a hospital, at home or in the community
- Support for the client to return to work, study, vocational or recreation pursuits.

Low Vision Services

People with vision loss are able to consult an allied health professional (orthoptist, occupational therapist or orientation and mobility instructor) to assist with maintaining independence at home or in the community.

Our services include:

- Assessment of functional vision and help to use it most effectively
- Provision and training with an appropriate magnification aid
- Information about eye conditions
- Support to help with daily living
- Provision and training in use of low vision aids, such as talking watches, needle threaders, large print material and so on
- Support from an orientation and mobility instructor to teach independent and safe travel.