

Assistive Devices Program (ADP)

## Attachment A

# Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status and Documentation Required for Visual Aids – Low Tech

The information contained in Attachment A outlines:

- the health professionals eligible to apply for authorization status for Visual Aids – Low Tech; and
- the documentation the applicant is required to include with his/her application for authorization status.

Authorizers are the gatekeepers to the ADP and play a significant role in:

- providing Ontario residents with accurate information about the ADP;
- assessing Ontario resident's needs for assistive devices;
- confirming the Ontario resident's eligibility for funding assistance; and
- completing the application form to request funding assistance.

A healthcare professional must be registered as an ADP authorizer before he/she can:

- recommend ADP-approved assistive devices to eligible Ontario residents; and
- complete the ADP application form for eligible Ontario residents.

See table on next page.

Device Category	Professions Eligible for Authorizer Status	Documents (copies) which must be submitted with application
<b>Visual Aids – Low Tech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Magnifiers (not spectacle mounted)</li> <li>✓ Telescopes, Binoculars</li> <li>✓ Monoculars</li> <li>✓ Field Enhancement</li> <li>✓ Specialized Glasses</li> <li>✓ Contact Lenses</li> <li>✓ Spectacle-Mounted Low Vision Aid</li> <li>✓ Non-prescription Absorptive Filters</li> </ul>	<b>Ophthalmologist who:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a valid certificate of registration from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario; AND</li> <li>• holds a certificate in the specialty of Ophthalmology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.</li> </ul>	<b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Proof of current membership with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.</li> <li>❑ Copy of certificate in the specialty of Ophthalmology.</li> </ul>
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<b>Visual Aids – Low Tech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Magnifiers (non spectacle mounted)</li> <li>✓ Telescopes, Binoculars</li> <li>✓ Non-prescription Absorptive Filters</li> <li>✓ Audio playback machines</li> </ul>	<b>Vision Rehabilitation Worker who:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has obtained a permanent certificate of Vision Rehabilitation from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.</li> </ul>	<b>Required:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Copy of permanent certificate of Vision Rehabilitation from the Canadian National Institute for the Bind</li> </ul>

<p><b>Visual Aids – Low Tech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Audio playback machines</li> <li>✓ Brailers such as Perkins brailers</li> <li>✓ Other low tech writing aids</li> </ul>	<p><b>Specialist Teacher of the Blind who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds an Ontario Ministry of Education and Training Ontario’s Teacher’s Qualifications Record Card showing Points 1 &amp; 2, and Blind Specialty</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Copy of Ontario Ministry of Education and Training Ontario’s Teacher’s Qualifications Record Card showing Points 1 &amp; 2, and Blind Specialty.</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Standard Canes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Orientation and Mobility Instructor who:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a permanent certificate as a Rehabilitation Teacher from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holds a diploma from Mohawk College Rehabilitation Teacher Program.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Required:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Copy of Permanent Certificate from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB).</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Copy of diploma from Mohawk College Orientation and Mobility Instructor Program.</li> </ul>