

## Washington Group Disability Categorisation

### Special Educational Needs - SEN and Definitions

Code	Washington Group	Category and Description of Disability	Kinds of disabilities
01	Sensory Disability	<b>Blind.</b> No functional vision.	
02	Sensory Disability	<b>Partially sighted.</b> Functional vision with limitations that may be reduced with electronic or manual low-vision devices (Vision cannot be fully corrected though the use of prescription lenses).	2.1. Albinism; 2.2. Moderate Visual Impairment; 2.3. Blindness Right Eye; and 2.4. Blindness Left Eye.
03	Sensory Disability	<b>Deaf (Capital D).</b> No hearing: generally makes use of South African Sign Language and typically subscribes to Deaf Culture.	
04	Sensory Disability	<b>Deaf (lower case d).</b> Little or no hearing, does not make use of Sign Language as a medium of communication, makes use of various means of communication such as speech, speech reading/cochlear implants of a combination of these. Aligns with impairment/disability in the hearing world.	4.1. Moderate Hearing Loss; 4.2. Deafness Right Ear; and 4.3. Deafness Left Ear.
05	Sensory Disability	<b>Hearing impaired/ Hard of hearing/Deafened.</b> None, little or some hearing, generally makes use of appropriate hearing technology e.g. cochlear implants, hearing aids, and other assistive listening/living devices and typically uses verbal communication/lip reading.	5.1. Moderate Hearing Loss; 5.2. Deafness Right Ear; and 5.3. Deafness Left Ear.
06	Sensory Disability	<b>Deaf-blind.</b> No functional vision and no hearing.	
07	Specific Learning/ Developmental Disability	<b>Neuro-Developmental Disabilities.</b> Intellectual disabilities.	7.1. Head injuries; 7.2. Epilepsy; 7.3. Multiple sclerosis; 7.4. Communication disabilities; 7.5. Language and speech disability (e.g. stuttering); 7.6. Autism spectrum disorder; 7.7. Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); 7.8. Attention deficient disorder (ADD); 7.9. Dyslexia; and 7.10 Specific learning disabilities, etc.
08	Psycho-Social/ Psychiatric Disabilities	<b>Psycho-Social Disability</b>	8.1. Depression; 8.2. Schizophrenia; 8.3. Bipolar disorder; 8.4. Dementia; 8.5. Anxiety etc.
09	Physical Disability	<b>Physical Disability</b>	9.1. Loss of a limb; 9.2. Make use of crutches; 9.3. Wheelchair user; 9.4. Spinal Cord Injury; 9.5. Person with cerebral palsy; and 9.6. Short stature.

### An example of a table to be included in the registration form

*Please indicate the type of disability in the section below (mark with an X). Refer the table above for further information and explanation on disabilities.*

Code	Disability Category	Specify the type/kind of disability (refer to the table above)
01	Blind	Not applicable
02	Partially sighted	
03	Deaf (Capital D)	Not applicable
04	Deaf (lower case d)	
05	Hearing impaired/ Hard of hearing/Deafened	
06	Deaf-blind	Not applicable
07	Neuro-developmental Disabilities	
08	Psycho-social Disability	
09	Physical Disability	
10	Any other disability	
11	None	Not applicable