

<b>SENSES FOUNDATION (Inc)</b>	
<b>POLICY</b>	
<b>Eligibility for Services and Service Access</b>	
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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to define the people to whom Senses Foundation will provide its services.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Senses Foundation will provide services to those people with disabilities who meet its client description which is

- People who have a vision impairment where they also have a significant other disability, and people who are deafblind.

A person who was a client of Senses Foundation in August 2004 and does not meet the client description, will remain a client of Senses Foundation.

Senses Foundation will provide a service on the basis of each individual person's relative need and the resources available to Senses Foundation.

## **CLARIFICATION**

Senses Foundation places no restrictions on the manner in which a person becomes blind or deafblind when determining their eligibility for Senses Foundation services. A person may be congenitally vision impaired or deafblind, or acquire a vision impairment or deafblindness as a result of disease or injury, or as a result of ageing. All of these people will be eligible for Senses Foundation services.

Senses Foundation may accept a person with a disability into a service, who does not meet its eligibility criteria where the funding the person brings to the service or the numbers they increase ensure the viability of the service.

## **RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

Disability Services Act 1993.

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