

TO ASSIST BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED PEOPLE



DIRECTORY OF BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & FUNDING INFORMATION

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Queensland Blind Association Inc.

The Queensland Blind Association Inc. has provided practical support for Blind and Vision Impaired people of Queensland for over 70 years.

The Association has over 800 members, which receives no direct Government support, aims to help Blind and Vision Impaired people to lead independent and fruitful lives.

Vital services, which are provided by the Association to its members, may include the following:-

- Information and referral service.
- On joining members.
- A 50% discount on one white cane is available to each Member per year.
- Financial assistance towards rates, electricity, house repayments, rental assistance, white & brown goods and home maintenance.
- Tea & Coffee vouchers for our senior retired folk.
- Low vision products on sale from our Resource Department to the public. Discounts apply to membership.
- Reading service by appointment.
- Access to QBA Computer User Group.
- Audio, large print or email Newsletters.
- Publications available in normal print, large print & on our website
 - Catalogue of Low Vision and Talking Products
 - Concessions Booklet
 - Directory of Agencies to Assist Blind & Vision Impaired People
 - Directory of Queensland Support Groups
 - Directory of Suppliers of Adaptive Technology
 - Directory of Suppliers for Building Modifications
 - Directory of Bursaries, Scholarships, Grants & Funding Information

You do not have to be a member to access some of our services.

Any queries can be directed to this office by telephoning: 3848 8888.

The information in this booklet is an alpha listing of both Government and private agencies in Queensland, which provide services and benefits for Blind and Vision Impaired people and their carers.

Against each agency is a basic and brief description of the services they provide. This publication has been compiled by the Queensland Blind Association Inc. to assist Blind and Vision Impaired people either in a professional or personal capacity.

WHITE CANES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO LEGALLY BLIND PERSONS

The Queensland Blind Association Inc sells White Canes to Legally Blind Persons only. If you are not a member, proof of legal blindness must be presented (e.g. your DSP Blind or Aged Blind Concession Card) to purchase a White Cane. Canes are sold only as a “Symbol of Blindness”.

Incorrect use may be a danger to the user, pedestrians and all road users. We highly recommend that persons receive measurement and training from professional trainers, as correct length and style are a must.

Disclaimer

Queensland Blind Association Inc. has attempted to ensure the information in this booklet is accurate. However, we do not warrant that the information is accurate or complete nor will we be liable for any loss suffered by any person because they rely in any way on it. We do not endorse and are not responsible for the views, products or services offered or provided by other agencies in this booklet.

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AUSTRALIAN DISABILITY & INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' EDUCATION FUND (ADIPEF)

This education fund is about helping people with disabilities complete or undertake courses and programs through providing small grants.

Website: www.adipef.org.au

BLIND SPORTING COUNCIL INC

Provides support to the blind and vision impaired participating in sport, recreation and community activities.

Telephone: (08) 8232 4644

Email: enquiries@blindsport.com.au

Website: www.blindsport.com.au

CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

Financial support to travel overseas to undertake study or investigation of a project or issues not readily undertaken in Australia.

Telephone: 1800 777 231

Email: info@churchill.com.au

Website: www.churchilltrust.com.au

GRANTSLINK

Offers a number and range of grant programs. Whole of government website directly linking to government programs.

Telephone: 1800 026 222

Website: www.grantslink.gov.au

GRANTSEARCH AUSTRALIA

Funding database established to Research Grant Consultants, to collect & disseminate information about funding throughout Australia.

Website: www.grantsearch.com.au

JOINT ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE NETWORK (JASON)

A program developed by a number of universities. Provides assistance to students wishing to pursue postgraduate studies.

Website: www.jason.edu.au

LIONS VISUAL INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION INC

Grant applications are being sought for the Australian ID Mate

Telephone: Ann Eldridge 1300 787 469

Email: info@visualindependence.org.au

Website: www.visualindependence.org.au

PETER BROCK FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Peter Brock Foundation has a strong commitment to assisting individuals in times of need.

Website: www.peterbrockfoundation.com.au

Email: enquiries@peterbrockfoundation.com.au

Telephone: (03) 9718 2469

QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Scholarship programs for vision impaired are available through Quantum Technology.

Telephone: (02) 9479 3100

Email: info@quantumrlv.com.au

Website: www.quantumrlv.com.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

KYM BROADHURST BURSARY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

A bursary is awarded to a visually impaired, undergraduate or post graduate student.

Telephone: 3365 1984

Email: ugscholarships@uq.edu.au

TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENT LIVING ALLOWANCE (TILA)

To assist some young people who are making the transition from formal and informal care to independent living.

Website: www.tila.org.au

Email: tila@syfs.org.au

Telephone: 1300 761 961

VARIETY QUEENSLAND

Variety Qld is all about empowering children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs to live, laugh and learn.

Telephone: 3907 9300

Email: info@varietyqld.org

Website: www.varietyqld.org

VISION AUSTRALIA

Assists with a bursaries towards further education

Telephone: (03) 9520 5555 or 1300 847 466

Email: bursary@visionaustralia.org

WORKPLACE MODIFICATIONS SCHEME (WMS)

This is a one stop shop for all matters relating to employment of people with a disability.

Telephone: 1800 464 800

Website: www.jobaccess.gov.au