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1 Unit Details

Unit Title:	Introduction to Visual Impairment
Unit Code:	Y/508/4653
Level:	Level 2
Credit Value:	2
Minimum GLH:	16

2 Learning Outcomes and Criteria

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Know about the anatomy and physiology of the eye	1.1 Identify the structures of the eye
	1.2 Outline the mechanism of the sight process
2. Know the about visual impairment and blindness	2.1 Identify the main causes of sight loss and blindness
	2.2 Discuss the implications of: a) Near and distance visual acuity measurements b) Loss of visual field c) Defective colour vision
3. Know the relationship between visual impairment and the environment	3.1 Discuss how the environment can disable a person with a visual impairment
	3.2 Outline different resources and equipment available to support people with a visual impairment
	3.3 Explain how the environment can be changed and adapted to meet the needs of a person with a visual impairment
4. Know about mobility and communication techniques and equipment used by people with visual impairment	4.1 Describe mobility techniques used by individuals with visual impairment
	4.2 Outline different techniques used by a sighted guide
	4.3 Demonstrate a knowledge of: a) Grade 1 Braille

b) Deaf-blind alphabet		
	4.4	Describe the technology most commonly used to assist people with a visual impairment
	4.5	Give an example of how technology can be used to support individuals with a visual impairment
5. Know about the roles and functions of agencies providing services for people with a visual impairment	5.1	Identify different agencies working in the field of visual impairment
	5.2	For the agencies identified explain how they relate to each other to support an individual with a visual impairment