Assessment form: Magnifiers and telescopes



1. Information about the person

First Nan	ne:				Family Nar	me:			
Gender:	Male	Female	Other	Age:	0-5	6-18	19-39	40-54	55+
Telephon	e:			Address:					

2. Assessment interview

Known vision problems					
Have you been assessed by an eye care professional?	Yes Recommendations Image: Commendation for the second for the se				
Based on eye care professional assessment and the vision screen, does the person have any of the following vision problems?	Eye health prob Avoidable distar and/or near visio problem Low vision	nce Peripheral visual field loss			
Activity and ability	-				
What activities do you find difficult because of your vision?	Ø				
Do these activities need distance or	near vision?	Distance Near Distance and near			
Do these activities need your hands	to be free?	Yes No			
Can you use your hands easily?		Yes No			
Current vision assistive products					
Do you wear glasses?		Yes No			
Additional information needed for using a magnifier					
What light options are available whe be carrying out the activity?	ere you will				
Trial magnification					
 Select the most appropriate type of magnifier or telescope. Use the selection table on the back of this form to guide your choice. Practice the activity with the lowest level of magnification available. If activity remains difficult: Add a strong source of light to see if this helps and/or Trial next level of magnification until correct level is found. If none of the available magnifiers or telescopes suit, consider referral back to eye health care professional. 					
3. Plan					

Provide magnifier or telescope	Type of magnifier or telescope: Sheet magnifier with adjustable stand	Handheld magnifier Stand magnifier	Dome magnifier Neck magnifier Handheld telescope
	Magnification: 🖉	Other notes: 🖉	
Refer to:	Eye care professional Other		
Follow-up date:	0		

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Selection table: Magnifiers and telescopes

Always select t person, taking	w vision product he product with the into account their health, ment and preference.	Hand held magnifier	Dome magnifier	Stand, around the neck, or sheet magnifier with adjustable stand	Telescope
Eye health	Healthy eyes	\checkmark			
Distance vision test result	Cannot see medium or large E after assessment and provision of prescription glasses	\checkmark	~	~	~
Near vision test result	Cannot see small E AND distance vision medium and large E	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Findings from	Avoidable distance and/or near vision problem	Х	X	Х	Х
vision screen and eye care	Central visual field loss	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х
professional	Peripheral field loss	\checkmark		\checkmark	Х
	Diagnosed low vision	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark
Hand function	Cannot use hands / or needs hands for work	Х	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х
Activities	Needs to do near vision activities	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	Х
Activities	Needs to do distance vision activities	Х	Х	Х	\checkmark
Lighting	Requires extra light built in	\checkmark	\checkmark		N/A

Tips for using magnifiers or telescopes			
If the person normally uses prescription or reading glasses	They should wear these when using a magnifier or telescope.		
If the person is sensitive to light	Advise the person to use a peaked cap when outside or in direct sunlight to shade eyes. If they still have problems, refer to an eye care professional as they may need a product with a tinted lens.		
If the person needs extra light for activities	 Ask what light options are available in the person's home or work. Improve light by: Positioning yourself beside a door or window to use natural light - ensure the light is coming from the side and slightly behind, do not face into the light Use a lamp – place it to the side and slightly behind, do not face into the lamp Select a magnifier with a built in light – however these products require batteries. 		