

Coding System for Visual Impairment Classification

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Not VI

- No suggestion that the child should be VI although can't say for **absolute** certainty
- Most common category is 'wears glasses'

Possibly VI

- Condition predisposes to VI, but not enough information to be sure that it is bilateral (eg 'cataracts' – this would only be classed as VI if bilateral)

Likely to be VI

- Condition usually leaves child with some form of bilateral uncorrectable visual difficulty
- Most brain conditions included here (eg cerebral palsy [expect 70% have VI] and Downs Syndrome [some argue 90-100% have VI])

Definitely VI

- Description of visual difficulty and condition makes VI a certainty

Rule of thumb

VI=6/18 or less (fourth line from bottom of Snellen Chart)