

AUSTRALIAN LIONS VISUAL INDEPENDENCE FOUNDATION



bringing happiness to australians living with blindness and low vision

AUSTRALIAN ID MATE GRANT APPLICATION

Selection Criteria

The broad selection criteria for the allocation of ID mate under this scheme is based on:

1: **Eligibility:** Firstly, your earnings should not exceed \$10,000 above your Centrelink pension entitlements. Secondly, combined income for you and your partner should not exceed \$50,000 above your Centrelink pension entitlements. Note: Special consideration may be given in unique circumstances and in such cases; you should telephone Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation prior to submitting this application.

2: **Allocation:** Eligibility plus consideration of these points:

- The reliance on voice for identification,
- The degree of “in-home” support
- A proven understanding of the ID Mate’s capability, proposed usage and impact on their life.

Process

Approved applications will require a sponsor search, and time for this varies according to your personal situation and your location. We will inform you as soon as we have any positive news for you.

Completed forms can be submitted by email to:-
info@visualindependence.org.au or by mail to Lions Visual Independence Foundation, PO Box 2307 Kew Vic 3101

Enquiries to Lions Visual Independence Foundation can be by email
info@visualindependence.org.au, or by telephoning 1300 787 469

Applicant contact details:

NAME: . **.APPROX AGE:** .
ADDRESS: .
PHONE: . **.MOBILE:** .
EMAIL: .

Your Support Organisation.

Your Case Manager / Blindness Agency contact person will be contacted to verify the answers given in section 2 of this application. If you do not currently have such a contact person, you should either visit your low vision clinic or obtain a supporting letter from your health professional confirming your answers in section 2.

ORGANISATION NAME: .
CASE WORKER/CONTACT PERSON: .
PHONE NUMBER: .

1. Income details

Which of the following five statements applies to you? **Answer:**

1.1 I am single and earn less than \$10000 per year above my Centrelink Pension. I am prepared to contribute \$200 towards the cost.

1.2 I have a partner and between us we earn less than \$50000 per year above my Centrelink Pension. I am prepared to contribute \$200 towards the cost.

1.3 I earn above the amounts stipulated in items 1.1 and 1.2 but would be interested in purchasing a unit.

By providing an answer to the income question (1) above, you hereby agree, if requested, to forward evidence or a statutory declaration of your financial income status. You also agree to remit your contribution within 14 days of being offered an ID mate grant. Failure to do this will lead to your grant being reallocated.

2. Level of Vision Impairment

2.1 **I am totally blind**, meaning I have either light only or no light perception.
(if you answer 'yes' to this question proceed to question 2.6). **Yes No**

2.2 **My current vision aids** help me distinguish between, for example, the can of baked beans compared to the can of tomatoes. **Yes No**

2.3 **My current vision aids** help me read the instructions on the can of food. **Yes No**

2.4 **My current vision aids** help me identify my daily food, medicines, clothes, music.

Yes: These are **My Current Vision Aids** (Please list – eg: CCTV, portable electronic magnifier, magnifying glass with light, or magnifying glasses etc)

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No: This is how I identify my daily items:

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2.5 **I am able to** identify different colours **Yes No**

2.6 **My vision** loss has resulted from: (please describe your condition)

2.7 **My vision** has been like this since (please specify a time)

3. Social Supports

3.1 I live alone at home. **Yes No**
(if yes then go to section 3.3)

3.2 I have someone at home most times willing and able to assist me. **Yes No**

3.3 I am currently enrolled as a student.

Yes: I study (subject) at (location)

No: I am not studying

3.4 I do volunteer work. **Yes:** I work **No**

4. ID Mate Experience

4.1 **I have trialled** the ID Mate talking barcode scanner, finding it suitable and functional

Yes: Please give details

No: Then please arrange a demo at your blindness agency prior to submitting this application, or contact Lions Visual Independence Foundation if you need assistance. Otherwise your application may be rejected.

4.2.1 **My trial included** using the ID mate to identify barcodes on products such as food, music, medicines.

Yes: Give examples of what you have scanned and how you use the ID Mate in your daily life.

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4.2.2 **My trial included** using the ID mate to create new voice recorded barcodes

Yes: Describe what you did:

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4.2.3 **My trial included** scanning clothing

Yes: Describe whether you would use this feature

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4.2.4 **My trial included** adding extra information to my food medicines and other products

Yes Describe what you added and how this would benefit you

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4.2.5 There are other things in my personal life that I would like to label, particularly.

Yes --- Give an example

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4.2.6 **My demonstration** showed me how to label my appliances and remote controls

Yes Give an example of what type of information you record for one of your appliances

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5. Contact

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| 5.1 | I am prepared to be contacted for feedback. | Yes | No |
| 5.2 | I am prepared to assist with demonstrating to a potential new ID mate owner in my local area. | Yes | No |

6. Declaration

- I accept that Australian Lions Visual Independence Foundation may use my name and circumstances to assist with seeking a sponsor.
- I accept that the panel's decision is final and not open for individual evaluation.
- I also declare that the statements made in this application are true and correct.

- I understand that, as a successful applicant, I will become the registered owner of the unit.

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Applicant or Parent/Guardian Signature
(type name if submitting by email)

Date

Note: If you are applying on behalf of the candidate, by signing this, you declare to have completed this application in full consultation, knowledge and agreement and of the applicant.