

## National Classification Process- new applicants

### Visual impairments

- Visually impaired athletes must obtain an eligible classification grade from British Blind Sport (BBS) and have a confirmed medical diagnosis which is the cause of the visual impairment.
- Contact BBS via their [website](#) to go through their application process.
- Once you have received your BBS certificate, check if you have been allocated a classification grade which is eligible for conversion into a para equestrian grade.
- If your BBS grade is eligible for conversion, send your BBS classification certificate and medical evidence of the confirmed diagnosis which has caused the vision impairment to the [Felicity Towers](#) (British Equestrian Classification Coordinator).
- **Your BBS grade will then be converted into a para equestrian grade.**

Profiles and grades for visual impairment		
36	IV	TOTALLY BLIND. B1 Visual acuity is poorer than LogMAR 2.60 Totally blind (B1)- no sight in both eyes
37a	V	PARTIAL SIGHT. B2 Visual acuity ranges from LogMAR 1.50 to 2.60 inclusive; and/or visual field that is constricted to a diameter of less than 10 degrees. Partially sighted (B2) athletes who have limited vision in both eyes either in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How far they can see (visual acuity)</li> <li>• How wide they can see (visual field)</li> </ul>
37b	NE	PARTIAL SIGHT. B3 Visual acuity ranges from 1.40 to 1.0 inclusive; and/ or a visual field constricted to a diameter of less than 40 degrees. Partially sighted (B3) athletes who have limited vision in both eyes either in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How far they can see (visual acuity)</li> <li>• How wide they can see (visual field)</li> </ul>