LOW VISION CLINICAL GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS
Registration with the HPCSA (PBODO)
Clinical practice must be conducted within the scope of practice as defined by the PBODO.

LOW VISION ASSESSMENT
- observational assessment
- patient interview techniques
- case history
- ocular health assessment
- distance and near visual acuity measurements
- low vision refraction including magnification assessment
- functional assessment
- binocular vision assessment
- auxiliary tests such as required
- prescription of appropriate devices

Patient management
- Appropriate selection and demonstration of optical and non-optical low vision devices
- Training and counseling
- Appropriate referral

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT

ASSESSMENT
- Retinoscope
- Ophthalmoscope
- Pen light torch
- Tape measure
- Occluder
- Trial frame
- Trial lenses
- Distance and near low vision charts
- Amsler Grid
- Color vision test – Farnsworth D15 or City University
- Perimeter
- Filters
- Typoscope
LOW VISION DEVICES
  ❖ Hand magnifiers
  ❖ Stand magnifiers
  ❖ High plus spectacle magnifiers
  ❖ Telescopes
  ❖ Non-optical options

SCREENING PROTOCOL (LOW VISION)

Minimum requirements
Basic case history, visual acuity distance and near, subjective and or objective refraction, ophthalmoscopy, appropriate recommendation(s)