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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to confirm that:

attended for a full eye examination and was examined by me on

This patient meets the requirements for Severe Sight Impairment (SSI) certification under Group 1,2, or 3 as laid out in the - Certificate of Vision Impairment; Explanatory Notes for Consultant Ophthalmologists and Hospital Eye Clinic Staff in England: (<https://bit.ly/3vpUV6R>) and as highlighted on the reverse side of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

Note to patient: This letter is not a Certificate of Vision Impairment.
Your Community Optometrist can help to advise on the certification process.

SSI certification categories, as included in the Royal College of Ophthalmologists Guidance notes (Dementia and Disabilities Unit, Social Care, Ageing and Disability Directorate, 2017).

SSI

Group 1: Offer to certify as SSI: people who have visual acuity worse than 3/60 Snellen (or equivalent);

Group 2: Offer to certify as SSI: people who are 3/60 Snellen or better (or equivalent) but worse than 6/60 Snellen (or equivalent) who also have contraction of their visual field;

Group 3: Offer to certify as SSI: people who are 6/60 Snellen or better (or equivalent) who have a clinically significant contracted field of vision which is functionally impairing the person, for example, significant reduction of inferior field or bi-temporal hemianopia