

# Declaration of Perceptual Disabilities

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- b) The inability to hold or manipulate a book; OR
- c) An impairment relating to comprehension.

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