

# Website Orientation

Navigating around the DBIA website to learn about deafblindness

## For beginners (1.5 hours)

Recommended for people who are new to deafblindness.

1. Watch introductory video (2 min)  
   [Deafblind Information Australia - Information and Resources](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/)
2. Read about deafblindness (2 min)  
   [About Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/)
3. Read [Sensory Impairment & Loss | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/) (1 min)
   1. Watch Introduction to Vision impairment video (17 min)  
      [Blindness and Vision Impairment | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/blindness-and-vision-impairment/)
   2. Watch Introduction – Deaf, deaf, Hard of Hearing video (32 min)  
      [Deaf, deaf and Hard of Hearing | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/deafness-and-hearing-impairment/)
4. Read about Congenital Deafblindness (below videos) (1 min)   
   [Congenital Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/)
5. Read about Acquired Deafblindness (4 min)  
   [Acquired Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/acquired-deafblindness/)
6. Read 3-5 people’s stories (10 min)  
   [Stories | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/stories/)
7. Read about Living with Deafblindness (4 min)  
   [Living with Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/)
   1. Watch Deafblind Communication methods and strategies video (12 min)  
      [Deafblind Communication | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/deafblind-communication/)

## Intermediate (4 hours)

Recommended for people who want to learn more about deafblindness (i.e. Interpreters, family members).

1. Prerequisite: Complete ‘For beginners’ learning (See above) (1.5 hours)
2. Watch Introduction to Vision impairment Q & A video (21 min)  
   [Blindness and Vision Impairment | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/blindness-and-vision-impairment/)
3. Watch Introduction – Deaf, deaf, Hard of Hearing Q & A video (13 min)  
   [Deaf and Hard of Hearing | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/deafness-and-hearing-impairment/)
4. Watch introduction to Congenital Deafblindness (22 min)  
   [Congenital Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/)
   1. Follow sub-menus under ‘Families & Carers’ and read what is most relevant (e.g. Upon Diagnosis, Early Intervention, Learning and Communicating, Educational Opportunities) (10- 30 min)  
      [Deafblind Families & Carers | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/for-families-carers/)
   2. Read about Communication under ‘For Professionals’ (including sub-menus Tips for using Auslan Interpreters in Educational Settings, and Tactile Learning) (15 min)  
      [Communication | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/for-professionals/communication/)
5. Read 5-10 people’s stories (20 min)  
   [Stories | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/stories/)
6. Follow sub-menus under ‘Deafblind communication’ and read what is most relevant (e.g. Adapting communication, Auslan, Deafblind Manual Alphabet, Key Word Sign, Signed English, Social Haptics) (10 min)  
   [Deafblind Communication | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/deafblind-communication/)
7. Read about Adapting the Environment (10 min)  
   [Adapting the Environment | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/adapting-the-environment/)
8. Watch Seen and Heard video (12 min)  
   [Ageing and Dual Sensory Loss | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/ageing-dual-sensory-loss)

## Advanced (7 hours)

Recommended for people who want to learn about deafblindness in depth (i.e. Professionals working with deafblind people).

1. Prerequisite: Complete ‘For beginners’ and ‘Intermediate’ learning (see above) (4 hours)
2. Read How do we hear? (4 min)  
   [How do we hear? | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/sensory-impairment/deafness-and-hearing-impairment/how-do-we-hear/)
3. Watch introduction to Congenital Deafblindness Q & A video (30 min)  
   Watch Congenital Deafblindness: Overview strategies and services video (37 min)  
   Watch Congenital Deafblindness: Overview strategies and services Q & A video (16 min)  
   [Congenital Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/)
   1. Follow sub-menus under ‘For Professionals’ and read what is most relevant (e.g. Where to Start, Assessment, Communication, Tactile Learning) (30 min)  
      [Professional Resources | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/congenital-deafblindness/for-professionals/)
4. Read these people’s stories (30 min)  
   [Stories | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/about-deafblindness/stories/)
5. Read about Living with Deafblindness (4 min)  
   [Living with Deafblindness | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/)
   1. Follow sub-menus under ‘Deafblind communication’ and read what is most relevant (e.g. Adapting communication, Auslan, Deafblind Manual Alphabet, Key Word Sign, Signed English, Social Haptics) (20 min)  
      [Deafblind Communication | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/deafblind-communication/)
   2. Read about Orientation and Mobility (10 min)  
      [Orientation and Mobility | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/orientation-and-mobility/)
   3. Watch Orientation and Mobility Specialist video (2 min)  
      [Services available to people with deafblindness under the NDIS | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/services/ndis/services-available-to-people-with-deafblindness-under-the-ndis/)
   4. Watch Orthoptist video (3 min)  
      [Services available to people with deafblindness under the NDIS | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/services/ndis/services-available-to-people-with-deafblindness-under-the-ndis/)
   5. Follow sub-menus under ‘Equipment & Assistive Devices’ and read what is most relevant (e.g. Alerting devices, Listening devices, Lighting etc.) (10-60 min)  
      [Deafblind Assistive Devices | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/living-with-deafblindness/equipment-assistive-devices/)
6. Review information about Deafblind Consultants (2 min)  
   [Ask a Deafblind Consultant | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/services/ask-a-deafblind-consultant/)
7. Follow sub-menus under ‘Find Services’ and review what is most relevant (e.g. Advocacy and information, Service Organisations, Suppliers – technology and equipment etc.) (10 minutes)  
   [Deafblind Services & Support | Deafblind Information](https://www.deafblindinformation.org.au/services/directory-of-services/)

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