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FBC'S VIEW POINT ACCESSIBILITY IN ACTION: RESOURCE LIST

Thank you for joining us for Fighting Blindness Canada's View Point webinar, **Accessibility in Action: Exploring Technologies for People Living with Vision Loss**. Below you'll find a collection of apps, tools and resources discussed by our speakers during the webinar. This list is intended as a starting point for exploring what may work for you—everyone's needs, preferences and comfort with technology are different.

Fighting Blindness Canada does not endorse or recommend any specific product, app, company or service included in this list. Technology also changes quickly, so features, costs and availability may change over time.

Learning a new technology can take time and practice. If you're having difficulty getting started, consider seeking training or support from a vision rehabilitation or assistive technology professional. The right training can make a big difference in helping you get the most from a new tool.

Apps & Tools

- **Seeing AI** – [apps.apple.com/us/app/seeing-ai \(iOS\)](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/seeing-ai/id119129369) · [play.google.com \(Android\)](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microsoft.sai)

A free Microsoft app that uses AI to narrate the world around you — reading text and documents aloud, identifying products and currency, and describing people and scenes.



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- **Be My Eyes** – bemyeyes.com/download-app
Connects people who are blind or have low vision with sighted volunteers (or an AI assistant, Be My AI) for real-time visual assistance through a live video or photo call.
- **Gemini Live** – gemini.google/overview/gemini-live
Google's conversational AI assistant, which can view your surroundings through your phone's camera and answer questions about what it sees in real time.
- **Live Read** – liveread.app
An app that uses the phone camera to read printed text aloud in real time, useful for menus, mail, and other everyday print material.
- **VO Starter** – apps.apple.com/ca/app/vo-starter
An app designed to help new and existing users learn VoiceOver, Apple's built-in screen reader, through guided lessons and practice.

Resources

- Recording to the **Accessibility in Action: Exploring Technologies for People Living with Vision Loss** -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jl62rVqJ_FI
- **Double Tap Podcast** – doubletaponair.com ·
youtube.com/@doubletapvideo
A podcast and YouTube channel covering accessible technology news, product reviews, and tips, hosted by and for the blind and low vision community.
- **Dr. Sal Jivraj's Training Videos** – lowvisioncalgary.com/resources-videos



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A free video library from Dr. Jivraj's Calgary practice covering low vision devices, magnification strategies, and adapting daily tasks to vision loss.

- Dr. Juricic's webinar recording, "[Bioptic Driving in Ontario](#)", on YouTube.
- **Dr. Gordon Legge's Book – "Low Vision: What It's Like to Live with Vision Loss"** – [amazon.ca](#) · [audible.ca](#)

A book by Dr. Legge, Distinguished McKnight University Professor at the University of Minnesota, exploring the lived experience and science of low vision.

- **Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada** – [visionlossrehab.ca/en](#)

A national organization providing rehabilitation services — orientation and mobility, independent living skills, and low vision devices — for people living with vision loss.

- **Canadian Council of the Blind** – [ccbnational.net](#)

A national member-driven organization run by and for people who are blind or partially sighted, offering peer support, advocacy, and community programs.

- **Get Together with Technology (GTT)** – [gttprogram.blog](#) · [gtt-toronto.ca \(Toronto chapter\)](#)

A peer-led program that helps people with vision loss learn and troubleshoot accessible technology through local and online group meetups.

- **Fable** – [makeitfable.com](#)

A company connecting organizations with people with disabilities, including blind and low vision testers, to make digital products more accessible.

- **International Academy of Low Vision Specialists (IALVS)** – [ialvs.com](#)



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A directory and professional network of low vision optometrists and specialists, useful for finding a low vision clinician in your area.

- **Disability Benefits Navigation – VLRC GAIN Program** –
visionlossrehab.ca/en/disability-benefits-navigation

A free service from Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada that helps people apply for and appeal federal, provincial, and territorial disability tax credits and benefits, with support through the entire process. Phone: 1-844-887-8572 · Email: gain@vlrehab.ca

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Funding for Accessible Technology

Funding for assistive technology varies across Canada. Depending on where you live and your individual circumstances, support may be available through provincial or territorial programs, education or employment supports, private insurance, tax measures, or community programs. Eligibility and coverage can vary based on factors such as the type of technology you need, your level of vision loss, income, age, and employment or student status.

Federal Tax Credits and Deductions

The federal government also offers tax measures that may help with disability-related costs. The **Disability Tax Credit (DTC)** is a non-refundable tax credit for eligible people with severe and prolonged impairments, including vision loss. Eligibility is based on how the impairment affects you rather than your diagnosis alone.

The **Disability Supports Deduction** may allow people with disabilities to deduct the cost of certain assistive technologies needed for work, school or eligible research. Examples can include screen-reading or synthetic-speech systems, Braille note-takers, large-print displays, optical scanners, navigation devices and certain software. Eligibility requirements apply, and some items require a prescription.

Learn more:

Disability Tax Credit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/individuals/segments/tax-credits-deductions-persons-disabilities/disability-tax-credit.html>



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Finding Help

Finding the right funding option can be complicated. For help exploring programs and resources that may be available to you, contact the **Fighting Blindness Canada Health Information Line** at healthinfo@fightingblindness.ca or 1-888-626-2995.

A low vision or assistive technology professional can also help you identify technology that meets your needs and explore potential funding options. [Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada \(VLRC\)](#) can help connect you with appropriate services and professionals in your area.