**Broad categories of disability used in the NCCD**

**Definitions from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005**

**NCCD categories**

- **Physical**
  - Total or partial loss of a part of the body
  - The malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person’s body
  - The presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness
  - The presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness

- **Cognitive**
  - Total or partial loss of the person’s bodily or mental functions
  - A disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction

- **Sensory**
  - Total or partial loss of the person’s bodily or mental functions
  - The malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of the person’s body

- **Social/Emotional**
  - A disorder, illness or disease that affects the person’s thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgement, or that results in disturbed behaviour

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