

# Broad categories of disability used in the NCCD

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

## NCCD categories

- ▶ 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

**Physical**

- ▶ 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

**Cognitive**

- ▶ 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

**Sensory**

- ▶ A disorder, illness or disease that affects the person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgement, or that results in disturbed behaviour

**Social/  
Emotional**

