**Independent Living Skills Specialist/Rehabilitation Instructor**

With over 300 employees and around 6,000 volunteers, Blind Low Vision NZ, formerly Blind Foundation, is New Zealand's leading provider of services and support to people who are blind or have low vision. One of New Zealand's most trusted and iconic Not for Profit organisations, we need an Independent Living Skills Specialist/ Rehabilitation Instructor to join us in our Service Delivery team. You will help the organisation achieve our vision of a "life without limits" for New Zealanders who are blind or have low vision.

**What you’ll be doing:**

We are currently recruiting for an experienced Independent Living Skills Specialist/Rehabilitation Instructor for the Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu area. Your role will be split: 60% will be Independent Living Skills Specialist and 40% of your role will be as a Rehabilitation Instructor.

Independent Living Skills Specialist/Rehabilitation Instructors work directly with our clients who are blind or have low vision. This dual role will see the successful applicant providing life centred competencies including Developmental Orientation and Mobility to children from birth to school age, and upon leaving school transitioning into adult services. In addition, they will work with adults facilitating appropriate independence on an individual needs basis. The role’s purpose is to provide individuals with professional assessment, planning and instruction to work towards achievement of individual goals.

**This is a specialised technical role and as a result we are looking for the following**:

* A recognised qualification in rehabilitation for people who are blind or have low vision with an emphasis on Developmental O&M and ADL.
* Alternatively you have experience in the delivery of Orientation and Mobility (O&M) and Adaptive Daily Living programme (ADL).
* Ideally you will have both of the above skillsets.
* Proven experience working with pre-schoolers and children with a disability and/or complex needs.
* Able to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures.
* You’ll be an enthusiastic, honest and open communicator, with proven skills in client database use, and Microsoft Office.
* Eligible to work in New Zealand or gain the appropriate work visa.

Become an ambassador for Blind Low Vision NZ! Our staff take an active interest and participate in fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

**How can we help you?**

When you join us you can look forward to a rewarding career loaded with opportunity, great colleagues and amazing staff benefits.

If you believe you have what we are looking for, we would love to hear from you! To apply click 'apply now' at the following website: [https://careers-blindfoundation.force.com/s/current-vacancies](about:blank) where you can also view the position descriptions and learn more about these exciting opportunities! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our recruitment team on [recruitment@blindlowvision.org.nz](about:blank).

**Applications close on 17 February 2020**

Blind Low Vision NZ welcomes diversity in the workplace and encourages suitably qualified people who are blind or who have low vision to apply for roles within the organisation.