

NaviLens guide

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www.sightscotland.org.uk/navilens.

For a Braille version, please ask at the Reception desk of the building you are visiting or ask the person who sent you this document.

What is NaviLens?

NaviLens is an app that we use to help blind and VI people familiarise themselves with navigating our buildings.

You open the app, hold up your camera, and it will read out the markers it can see and tell you how far away they are.

What will I need to get started with it?

- Android link: [NaviLens on Google Play](#)
- iPhone link: [NaviLens on the App Store](#)

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How it works

The phone needs to be held in front of your face in an upright position with its screen facing you. As you move the phone around to scan the area, it will let you know the codes it finds, read them out to you and tell you how far away they are.

For example, NaviLens pings to let you know it has found a code and says, "Reception desk, 15ft".

As you navigate the area, you will come across codes for all the main waypoints and features of the building.

What are NaviLens codes?

They are colourful QR codes that are carefully placed around the building in the key areas. It is not able to guide you from reception to the gym, for example, it just reads out the codes to you as it sees them. This app is meant as an enhancer to your mobility and should not take the place of any

mobility aids such as a long cane but rather it should be used in conjunction with any mobility aids.

Troubleshooting

If you find that this app is not working for you as it should, you can go into Settings and change things to suit your needs. For instance, it has a setting that will make a sound every time the app detects a code.

If you are not finding any codes, it could be that your camera is at an angle; it works best if your camera is at a vertical position as if you were looking through it.

You can also ask our friendly staff if you need further assistance.