Al course for Jaws users

Course overview

Vision Australia Blindness. Low Vision. Opportunity.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a part of our daily lives in many ways, but for many of us, what exactly AI is and how it can be helpful for people who are blind or have low vision is not widely understood.

Vision Australia has created this course to help people who use JAWS to better understand what AI is and how to use it in their daily life.

In this course, you will learn how to use the new powerful built in JAWS AI features including:

JAWS Picture Smart

- Use powerful integrated AI to unlock inaccessible images across your PC.
- Analyse photos including asking questions relating to the image.
- Describe images or unlabeled controls on web pages.
- Review descriptions of image files in File Explorer and Outlook attachments without opening them.

JAWS FS Companion

- Uncover this AI powered chat assistant designed to help you learn and use JAWS and Microsoft applications more effectively.
- Discover information on JAWS keystrokes and features and how to use them.
- Learn descriptions of JAWS settings and instructional steps to change.
- Discover a one stop place for guides and instructions on performing functions across Windows and Microsoft Office applications using JAWS and keyboard keystrokes.

Microsoft Copilot in the Edge browser

- Discover this AI powered assistant designed to streamline accessing information and the completion of tasks, without manually using a search engine or web pages.
- Ask questions receive concise answers, including proactive prompts and insights to receive additional information.
- Ask a question as a task (e.g. plan a weekend getaway including transport, accommodation and sights of interest), receive concise details with options.
- Ask to provide a summary of information available on a specific topic or query (e.g. a summary of recent changes to the NDIS).

Course facilitator

Ken Baker is a full time JAWS user with more than 25 years lived experience. He is an adaptive technology specialist, however he spends 95% of his time supporting JAWS users around the country.

Prerequisites

This course is best suited to those who are intermediate or above user of JAWS. You will also require JAWS 2025 and access to Microsoft Edge

Course structure and delivery

Ken will deliver this training via phone and Teams, ensure distance is no barrier to accessing this course.

Training will be conducted one on one, with practical examples provided and the opportunity to explore individual interests.

Each participant is expected to receive three one-hour sessions, but additional time can be arranged if required.

Funding

The training can be supported by all funding types, including the Commonwealth Home Support Program and Home Care Packages.