

## Vision Northumberland Assistive Tech Series

## **Guide to pairing your Hearing Aids**

Many of today's hearing aids can be paired with your iPhone or Android mobile phone through Bluetooth. This lets you control the volume, adjust your sound preferences, and select specific hearing programs for different environments.

To pair hearing aids with an **Android** phone, follow these steps:

1. Open the 'Settings' on your phone – Cog icon



- 2. **Enable Bluetooth**: Ensure Bluetooth is turned on. This may be under 'Connections' depending on your phone. Look for the Bluetooth icon –
- 3. **Put Hearing Aids in Pairing Mode**: Restart your hearing aids by placing them in the charger and removing them, or open and close the battery door.
- 4. **Pair New Device**: Tap on "Connected devices" and then "Pair new device".
- 5. **Select Hearing Aids**: Choose your hearing aids from the list of available devices. If you have more than one, wait for the first to connect before selecting the second.
- 6. **Download App (if needed)**: If your hearing aids have a specific app, download it from Google Play for additional features.

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To pair hearing aids with an iPhone, follow these steps:

1. Open the 'Settings' on your phone - Cog icon



2. Click 'Accessibility' icon -



- 3. Select 'Hearing Devices'
- 4. Ensure your hearing aids are turned on and in pairing mode. If they don't pair immediately, try turning them off and on again or opening and closing the battery door.
- 5. Once your hearing aids appear on the screen, tap on them to connect.
- 6. After pairing, you can manage settings and control your hearing aids directly from your iPhone.
- 7. For specific brands like Oticon, ensure they are "Made for iPhone" (MFi) compatible for optimal performance.

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