

The Four Formless Attainments (Arūpa-samāpatti)

NAME	DIRECT OBJECT	TRANSCENDED STATES
Base of infinity of space <i>(ākāsānañcāyatana)</i>	Space perceived as infinite. (Vism: Space left after extending the kasina and then removing the form of the kasina.)	All perceptions of forms. All perceptions based on sensory impingement. Perceptions of diversity.
Base of infinity of consciousness <i>(viññāṇañcāyatana)</i>	Consciousness perceived as infinite. (Vism: The object is the mind that occurred pervading space as infinite.)	The base of the infinity of space.
Base of nothingness <i>(ākiñcaññāyatana)</i>	"There is nothing." (Vism: The object is the voidness or non-existence of the consciousness belonging to the base of infinite space.)	The base of the infinite of consciousness.
Base of neither perception nor non-perception <i>(neva saññānāsaññāyatana)</i>	Sutta does not say. (Vism: Base of nothingness perceived as peaceful.)	The base of nothingness.