OVR Eligibility

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provides vocational services to help people with disabilities prepare for, obtain, and retain employment. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is an agency that receives funds from the state and federal government. Vocational Rehabilitation offices are in every state.

OVR can help you:

Decide what type of job you want

Identify your skills and talents

Determine what accommodations you may need to succeed at work

Identify resources to assist you

Develop a plan to achieve your employment goals, called an individualized plan for employment (IPE)

To qualify for OVR:

You have a physical or mental disability

Your disability causes a barrier to employment

You would benefit from services to prepare for, obtain, or retain employment

You want to work

A qualifying disability may be: a medical condition, like diabetes or epilepsy, an orthopedic or other physical condition, a developmental, intellectual, emotional, or learning disability.

Income

Income is not a factor in eligibility but may be considered as part of the cost of certain services.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is not an emergency services provider. Eligibility decisions will be made within 60 days.

There are no age limits to be eligible for services. A person seeking OVR services must only be of employable age by the time services are completed.

Students are encouraged to seek OVR services during their last two years of high school to prepare for their transition to college or career.

Vocational Rehabilitation Process



Recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) qualify for OVR services under presumptive eligibility and are considered automatically eligible for services.





