Driver Assistive Technology Program

The Driver Assistive Technology Program helps OVR clients access safe, independent transportation for work. Driver assistive technology services may be provided if required to attain the employment goals on an approved Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Driver Rehabilitation services vary and depend on the needs and abilities of the OVR client. Services range from driver's education to vehicle modification.

Transportation Evaluation	This is an evaluation of a client who will not drive but will be driven by another person in the client's vehicle. A transport evaluation will determine the best method and equipment for a person with a disability to enter/exit into a vehicle, as well as transport of a wheelchair or mobility aid.
Driver's Evaluation	A Driver's Evaluation consists of a clinical and comprehensive evaluation to determine what a client would need to be able to drive independently. The assessment is performed by a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. The evaluation considers visual and perceptual skills, cognitive skills, physical functioning, and occupational history in order to determine program eligibility.
Driver Rehabilitation	Driver Rehabilitation services are used to teach someone to drive with or without vehicle modifications. These services include driver education, driver training, and extended driver evaluation.
Driver Education	OVR offers a Driver's Permit Class to eligible students who do not have a Kentucky Learner's Permit. The curriculum is based on the Kentucky Driver's Manual and all aspects of Kentucky Road Rules and Regulations are reviewed. Accommodations are made to meet the needs of auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learners. Upon completion of the class, students are provided with the opportunity to take the Kentucky Learner's Permit Test.
Driver Training	Driver training provides behind-the-wheel instruction to teach a person with a disability to drive, either with or without vehicle modifications. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation offers a state-of-the-art driving simulator to use in working with eligible participants. Driver simulation can be used for multiple reasons. It can be used to determine if a client would be a good candidate for the driver's training program. It can also be used to develop vehicle control skills, visual skills, and processing skills with beginning drivers. It can also be used as part of the clinical driving assessment. If vehicle modifications will be required for the client to drive, a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist will provide the training. If no vehicle modifications are required, the Driver Rehabilitation Technology Program Administrator may assign another qualified employee to provide driving instruction. Extensive on-road training in vocational rehabilitation's Driver Education vehicles fitted with adaptive equipment is provided to students who qualify. Available equipment includes hand controls, left foot accelerator pedals, pedal extensions and a variety of devices to access the secondary vehicle controls. On-road training sessions take place in a variety of driving environments and cover all aspects of safe motor vehicle operation. On-Road training is tailored to the individual and clients progress according to their ability.

| Extended Driver's Evaluation | In cases where an OVR client's ability to drive can't be determined after a standard driver's evaluation, an extended training may be offered to aid in the determination. |