

ORDER OF SELECTION

Whenever the state Vocational Rehabilitation agency does not have enough resources to help everyone who is eligible for services, a priority system must be used. This system is called an **Order of Selection**. In Rhode Island, there are three (3) priority categories.

The three (3) priority categories are defined by the severity of an individual's disability, including how many life areas are limited as a result of the disability. There are seven (7) life areas which may be limited by a disability: **mobility, communication, interpersonal skills, self-care, self-direction, work skills and work tolerance.**

CATEGORY SELECTIONS

1. Individuals with the **most significant disabilities** – three (3) or more life areas are affected by the disability and multiple services are needed for an extended period of time in order for the individual to work.

WAIT LIST:

2. Individuals with **significant disabilities** – one (1) life area is seriously affected by the disability and multiple services are needed for an extended period of time (***at least 6 months***) in order for the individual to work.

3. All other individuals with disabilities.

How To Plan for Employment...

- ◆ Apply for services and be determined eligible for assistance
- ◆ Actively participate in the development of your IPE - Individualized Plan for Employment
- ◆ Make informed choices for vocational goal and necessary services, supports and training to achieve it
- ◆ Apply for other sources of funding when required if income exceeds Agency guidelines
- ◆ Keep your Rehabilitation Counselor informed of your plans, progress, and problems
- ◆ Build upon your strengths and skills
- ◆ Develop strategies to overcome employment barriers (i.e. assistive technology, etc.)

Reach your employment goal!



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Comprehensive VR Services Offered

Vocational guidance & counseling

Vocational assessments

Vocational evaluations

Job development

Job retention

Training for employment

Rehabilitation evaluations

Post employment services

School to transition services

Assistive technology

Paid on-the-job training

Work-site assessment



Who Is Eligible?

You are eligible for services if:

- ◆ you have a disability - a physical or emotional impairment that results in a barrier to employment;
- ◆ you are able to benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VR services;
- ◆ and you need vocational rehabilitation services to become employed, retain employment, or regain employment.

How To Receive an Application And Apply...



- ◆ Call VR intake at (401) 421-7005 or (401) 421-7016 (TDD) for more information.
- ◆ Apply by requesting vocational rehabilitation services in writing.
- ◆ Visit a netWORKri One-Stop Career Center and ask to see an ORS Counselor.
- ◆ Visit <http://www.ors.ri.gov/Forms/ApplicationORS.pdf> for an online application.

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