

TRANSPORTATION

I. LEGAL AUTHORITY:

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in Title IV of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; 29 USC 723(a)(8); 34 CFR 361.5(b)(57); and 34 CFR 361.48(h).

II. POLICY STATEMENT AND PURPOSE:

Transportation services are support services provided to enable an individual with a disability to access primary rehabilitation services utilizing informed choice of the individual leading to employment and his/her employment goal.

III. PROCEDURES:

A. Assessment

The Agency will assess with the individual a variety of transportation options to determine effective and efficient options which will support the attainment of the individual's employment goal. Transportation services are always connected to a specific vocational rehabilitation service or attainment of the employment goal and are identified as such on the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Such assessment includes the individual's specific transportation needs including, but not limited to, her/his ability to access and use public transportation, para-transit services, or a privately owned vehicle for transportation to employment. Other considerations include transportation resources through a community rehabilitation program or payment to another vehicle owner.

Transportation services are not provided by the ORS on a permanent basis.

B. Types of Transportation Services may include:

1. Public transportation (including para-transit);
2. Travel reimbursement;
3. Travel training to access public transportation;
4. Driving evaluations and training when:
 - a. Disability presents an impediment to driving; and

- a. An evaluation with simulated driving equipment to measure the individual's basic capacity for independent driving (including cognitive ability, range of motion, reaction times, visual acuity, threat response, etc.), followed by:
- b. An on-the-road evaluation with a driving instructor, skilled in disability-related driving issues, to assess the individual's driving potential behind the wheel (with the proper adaptive driving equipment, if necessary). Usually, this will be sufficient to identify the individual's ability to learn to drive independently. However, in some instances, it may be necessary to provide a supplemental on-the-road evaluation to determine whether or not the individual is likely to be able to learn to drive independently. In such cases up to five (5) additional on-the-road driver training sessions may be provided to resolve the issue.
- c. If instruction to pass the learner's permit test is necessary, up to five (5) tutoring sessions may be provided at the agency's tutoring rate. In some instances this limit may be waived with a supervisory review of the report that justifies extending the tutoring period in order to successfully complete the permit test.

2. Adaptive Driver Training

A Rehabilitation Counselor is authorized to approve an Individualized Driving Assessment and up to twenty (20) hours of driving classes. Should an individual fail to pass the Division of Motor Vehicles' driving test after the initial twenty (20) hours of classes, a Supervisor will review the case before any additional classes are authorized. A learner's permit is required before initiating driver training.

- a. Counselors must inform the client that there is a maximum of thirty-five (35) hours for on-the-road training and include the timeframe on the original or amended IPE.
- b. When driving on the road with a learner's permit, benchmarks related to independent driving (e.g., driving in traffic, making left and right turns, driving through intersections with a traffic light, stopping at stop signs, recognizing and observing traffic signs, backing up straight without hitting the curb, pulling out into traffic, etc.) will be established. The vendor will forward a progress report to the counselor for each ten (10) session increment for review and renewal, as appropriate. By the completion of driver training, it is expected that the individual will have passed all written and on-the-road tests leading to a driver's license.