

Rehabilitation Services

Vocational Rehabilitation Program

The Basics

Who is eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services?

- ◆ Any citizen of Georgia who has a physical or mental disability that impacts his/her ability to go to work, and who can benefit from VR services to go to work.

How does the process work?

- ◆ The individual meets with a VR Counselor to complete an application for services.
- ◆ The counselor and the individual discuss how the disability affects his/her ability to work, and if he/she will benefit from VR services, and discuss the means to secure employment.
- ◆ If the individual qualifies for VR services, choices will be discussed in order to reach the employment goal.
- ◆ Assessments are used to determine the services necessary to reach the employment goal.
- ◆ A Work Plan is created, outlining responsibilities and services needed to reach the work goal.
- ◆ Financial eligibility requirements need to be met to receive some purchased services.

What services are available?

- ◆ The services available are based on what is needed to go to work. They may include, but are not limited to:
 - ◆ Vocational assessment
 - ◆ Vocational counseling and guidance
 - ◆ Physical and mental restoration services
 - ◆ Vocational training
 - ◆ School-to-work transition
 - ◆ Rehabilitation technology
 - ◆ Supported employment
 - ◆ Job search and job placement
 - ◆ Referral to other agencies for needed services
- ◆ Once the necessary vocational rehabilitation services are received and employment is achieved, a 90-day follow-up is provided to the individual and the employer to ensure that there are no problems and the job is a good fit.
- ◆ After the 90-day follow-up period the case is closed.

Remember that Vocational Rehabilitation does not provide permanent support but is available as needed for people with disabilities to seek, secure, and sustain employment. You can find us at our web site: www.vocrehabga.org