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Lafayette Regional Office  
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Lake Charles Regional Office  
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Lake Charles, LA 70607-3006  
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Alexandria Regional Office  
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**VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION  
(VR)**

**LOUISIANA  
REHABILITATION  
SERVICES**



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## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

### **Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)**

is a program that provides services to help persons with disabilities obtain the job skills and other resources they need to get a job, keep a job, and develop a career.

**VR** assists persons with a broad range of disabilities. Examples of disabilities served by VR include the following:

- Blindness or other visual impairments
- Deafness or other auditory conditions
- Mental/emotional problems
- Orthopedic impairments
- Alcohol/substance abuse
- Head injury
- Spinal cord injury
- Renal disease
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SERVICES

To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services, an individual must:

- Have a physical or mental disability; **and**
- Have a problem getting or keeping a job because of the disability; **and**
- Need VR services to help prepare for, get, and/or keep a job.

Individuals with the most severe disabilities receive priority for services. When all eligible individuals cannot be served, they are placed on a waiting list.

### **PLANNING FOR VR SERVICES**

If determined eligible for VR services, and placed in a priority category of eligibility, you and your counselor will **work together** to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). This plan is designed to assist you in preparing for and obtaining employment. Throughout the planning process, emphasis is placed on informing you of your choices of vocational (work) goals, services, and providers of services.

## SERVICES

VR services might include any combination of the following:

- Vocational guidance and career counseling
- Restoration (physical/mental)
- Vocational and other training services
- Rehabilitation technology, including assistive technology services, assistive technology devices, and rehabilitation engineering
- Occupational tools & equipment
- Job placement into suitable employment
- Personal assistance services such as scribe, reader, personal care attendant, and interpreter

**You may be required to contribute to the cost of some services.**