The Vocational Rehabilitation Process

The mission of Vocational Rehabilitation is to assist Oregonians with disabilities

to achieve, maintain, and advance in employment and independence.

VR is a voluntary program and requires your full participation. If you feel that it’s not a good time for you to participate in VR services, you are welcome to request that your file be closed at any time in the VR process.

**To begin the Vocational Rehabilitation process**

 **Watch VR Orientation Online** and then contact a VR office

OR Attend **General Orientation**

OR An Authorized **Partnering Agency Directly Refers**

**Next Step**

Complete the **Service Questionnaire**

 **Attend an Intake Appointment with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor** and choose to sign the VR Application for services

**Determine Eligibility**

 **Determine Eligibility for VR Services** takes 60 days from Application

 **Consideration for Eligibility:**

 Do you have a verifiable physical or mental disability?

 Does your disability prevent you from getting, keeping or advancing in a job?

 Do you need VR services to help you get, keep or advance in a job?

 VR requires that you obtain and show evidence of

 employment authorization and identity.

 If eligibility criteria are not met, the VR file maybe closed.

**Develop an Individualized Plan for Employment**

 **Plan Development** includes considering the following as a part of a comprehensive assessment:

 Labor Market

 Client Responsibilities

 Financial Needs Test

 Transferable Skills

 Strengths

 Resources

 Priorities

 Concerns

 Abilities

 Capabilities

 Interests

 Job Goal

 Long Term Supports

 Informed Choice Services that address disability related barriers to

 Employment

 And more

 **Help develop my IPE**

 **What can I be doing** to help with the development of my IPE?

 Contact you VR counselor for information about useful

 Assessments

 Inventories

 Resources

 Activities that you can work on at your own pace

 This information may be supplemental to what you and your VR counselor

 complete as a part of your IPE development

**IPE Implementation Service** 90 Days from Eligibility Determination

 **Job Search/Employment**

 **Search** for and **obtain** a job that matches you IPE job goal

You may work **independently** on you job search and check in with your VR counselor

 regarding progress

 You may utilize **community resources** for help with job search such as WorkSource

 You may need help from **an independently contracted Job Developer**

 You may already be working and need **help from VR to maintain your employment**

**Successful Closure!**

 **Working** for at least **90 days**

All other **closure criteria** have been **met**

Your **VR file** will be **closed** successfully

**Post-Employment Services**

Call your local VR office to inquire about PES if you find you need to regain stability

 In you job after your VR file is closed