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The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

This resource is meant to be a general guide for people with disabilities, not legal advice. For legal advice specific to your situation, please talk to an attorney.

What is the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)?

The **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation** is a program for supporting individuals with disabilities to get a job, keep a job, or get a better job. The Division helps you get a job that matches your skills and abilities by providing services to address disability-related challenges.

How can I find out if I'm eligible for DVR services?

You are eligible for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation services if your disability is stopping you from getting or keeping a job. You or your parent or guardian can apply for services starting at age 14. You can speed up the process of figuring out your eligibility by sending information to your Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services office.

The Division will accept documents like:

- medical records
- letters from your doctor with your diagnosis
- Social Security Administration (SSA) benefit verification letters
- awards letters
- Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)

They may ask you to sign a release form so they can get medical records. If you don't have complete or current information about your disability, you can ask the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to pay for an evaluation.

How long does it take to find out if I'm eligible for services?

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has **60 days** to decide if you're eligible for services. Sometimes more time is needed – for example, if the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation needs more medical paperwork, or they haven't started or finished evaluations for deciding eligibility. If this happens, the Division should reach out to you to talk about extending the timeline to gather more information. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will send you a letter telling you if you're found eligible for services.

If I'm found eligible for DVR services, what happens next?

Once DVR decides you're eligible for services, they have 90 days to create your person-centered plan – called an **Individual Plan for Employment (IPE)**.

Learn about the Eligibility and Plan Development Process here: dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/job-seekers/pdf/dvr-process-choices.pdf

What about the Order of Selection?

As of December 2, 2025, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is using an **Order of Selection (OoS)**. It is a waitlist to decide when people get services. The Order of Selection will affect the timing between when you apply and when you will get services from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation if they decide you're eligible.

See their website for their Frequently Asked Questions about the Order of Selection: dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/policy-guidance/eligibility/oos-faq.htm.

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