

DIVISION OF VISUAL SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR)

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

PURPOSE

The Division of Visual Services (VS), helps Oklahomans who are blind or visually impaired. The primary vocational rehabilitation services are counseling and guidance with job placement. However, other services may also be provided as needed for an individual to compensate for, correct or prevent disability-based barriers to employment. AT is provided if determined necessary to meet the goals outlined in the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

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See Appendix B for Visual
Services Field Offices.

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- See "Eligibility"

ELIGIBILITY

- An individual:
 - must have a physical or mental impairment, which constitutes or results in an impediment to employment;
 - can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VS services; and
 - requires VS services to prepare for, enter, engage in, or retain gainful employment.
- The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended in 1998, stipulates that an individual, who has a disability or is blind and is a Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) beneficiary or a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient, is presumed to meet eligibility criteria if that individual intends to achieve an employment outcome.
- Legal blindness occurs when visual acuity with best correction is 20/200 or less or when side vision results in a central field restriction of 20 degrees or less.

AT SERVICES PROVIDED/COVERED

- Assessments & Evaluations
- Information & Referral
- Case Management
- Locating Alternate Funding
- Fabrication of Devices
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Supporting Software
- Training for Consumer & Family
- Advocacy/Other

AT DEVICES PROVIDED/COVERED



Aids for Daily Living



Speech Communication



Aids for Hearing Impaired



Environmental Adaptations



Aids for Vision Impaired



Mobility/Seating & Positioning



Computers & Related