

assistance. Consumers with existing **Individualized Plans for Employment (IPEs)** are not affected. New **applicants** in some priority groups may be placed on waiting lists until funds are available to pay for their services. **DVR** and **DVS** continue to process new applications, gather diagnostic information and assign priority groups based on the significance of an applicant's disability. When funds are available to serve applicants in a **priority group**, DVR and DVS contact each applicant on a first-come, first-served basis according to the individual's application date.

Priority Groups: Three categories indicate the significance of **eligible consumers'** disabilities. During an order of selection, the groups are used to prioritize services so that those who have disabilities that are the most significant barriers to employment are served first.

Priority Group 1 – Most Significant: Eligible individuals with the most significant barrier to employment, including a mental or physical disability resulting in serious limitations in three or more functions. They require multiple services over a long time, usually six months or more. Functions include mobility, communication, self-care, self-direction, interpersonal skills, work tolerance and work skills.

Priority Group 2 – Significant: Eligible individuals with significant disabilities having serious limitations in one, but not more than two, functions who require multiple services over a long time, usually six months or more.

Priority Group 3 – Not Significant : Eligible individuals with disabilities that are not significant barriers to employment.

Supported Employment: Provides services needed to support and maintain individuals with significant physical, emotional, mental or multiple disabilities in employment in the community.

Transition School-to-Work: A **Department of Rehabilitation Services** program that helps eligible students with disabilities make the transition from high school to post-school activities, such as post-secondary education, vocational training, employment, adult education, independent living and community participation.

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): Helps Oklahomans with disabilities get jobs in appropriate careers. Main services are counseling and guidance with job placement. Other services compensate for, correct or prevent disability-related barriers to employment.