

# Vocational Rehabilitation Cost of Services

Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) partners with community organizations and businesses to provide services to help you reach your employment goal. These services come with a cost.

**Depending on your individual or family's income, you may need to pay all or some of the cost of these services. If you have questions, your VR Counselor can help.**

## Will I have to pay for rehabilitation services?

Some services are free for everyone:

- A review to see if you are eligible for the program.
- Meetings with your VR counselor.
- Referral to other service providers that can help you reach your job goal.
- Accommodations you need to participate in the VR program.
- Pre-Employment Transition Services.

We will work with you to develop your personal plan for employment. As part of your plan, we may refer you to other providers for services such as job development, assistive technology and training programs.

## Who does not have to pay for services?

If you receive any of the following assistance, you will not have to pay for any additional VR services:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program
- General Assistance Program
- Oregon Health Plan (OHP)
- Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Other governmental public assistance programs based on income
- People who are houseless or need shelter

## How much will services cost me?

Your payment depends on your individual or family's income. We use a formula based on:

- Your income from your most recent federal tax return.
- Any costs related to your disability that could not be reimbursed.
- The size of your family.
- If your family income is below 300% of federal poverty guidelines, based on family size (see chart).

You are required to pay whichever is less: the amount calculated by the formula or \$3,500.

People who choose not to share their income taxes must pay \$3,500 for services in their plan that are not free.

### 2024 Household Poverty Guidelines

Family Size	Federal Guideline	300%
1	\$15,060	\$45,180
2	\$20,440	\$61,320
3	\$25,820	\$77,460
4	\$31,200	\$93,600
5	\$36,580	\$109,740
6	\$41,960	\$125,880
7	\$47,340	\$142,020
8	\$52,720	\$158,160
9	\$58,100	\$174,300
10	\$63,480	\$190,440

## Other considerations

By law, to receive certain VR services you must show that you looked and applied for similar services but could not get them. These could be services from government agencies, local agencies, your health insurance provider or your employer benefits. Your VR counselor can help you complete this process.

### What if I disagree with what I am asked to pay?

You may mail us a letter or send us an email explaining your situation and ask VR to waive all or part of your payment.

For example:

- Your family has unusually high or increasing disability expenses that cannot be reimbursed.
- You recently became disabled.
- You lost employment or income after the time period covered by your last tax return.

We will consider your current income and reasons for your request. Depending on your situation, we may delay or waive all or part of your fees.

If you are unhappy with the decision, you may contact the Client Assistance Program for help with your complaint: 800-452-1694 or [droregon.org/request-help](https://droregon.org/request-help).

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