

# Order of Selection (OOS) / Waitlist

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) has established an Order of Selection (waitlist), due to insufficient resources. DVR will not be able to serve all individuals eligible for DVR services while the waitlist is in place.

## Individuals who are determined eligible for services will be placed in one of three different categories:

- Category 1: Individuals with the most significant disability limitations.
- Category 2: Individuals with significant disability limitations.
- Category 3: All other eligible individuals.

An individual's waitlist category is based upon how the disability affects the ability to function within certain areas. DVR looks at seven areas to determine a waitlist category:

- Mobility
- Communication
- Self-care
- Self-direction
- Interpersonal skills
- Work tolerance
- Work skills

## Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS):

- Pre-ETS services are provided to students with disabilities who are 21 years of age or younger, and in high school or post-secondary education training programs.
- A student may continue to receive Pre-ETS while on the waitlist if they received a documented Pre-ETS from DVR prior to their eligibility determination. This includes an individual who has received Pre-ETS as a potentially eligible student or as an applicant.
- High school students should be referred to DVR at least two years prior to high school exit or earlier, based on the individual's needs and / or situation.

**DVR is required to serve individuals with the most significant disabilities first, moving individuals off the waitlist as resources become available. This is based upon their category and the date they applied for services.**

**DVR will contact individuals as they come off the waitlist. At that point, individuals may begin receiving services.**

**If you are placed on the waitlist for DVR services, DVR recommends continuing your job search. Wisconsin's Job Centers can help individuals obtain employment.**

**To find a Job Center, please visit: <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org> or call (888) 258-9966.**

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation program receives 78.7% of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. For federal fiscal year 2025 (FFY 2025), the total amount of grant funds awarded were \$87,214,145, including \$15,522,975 reserved for Pre-Employment Transition Services. The remaining 21.3% (\$23,604,337) of the costs were funded by Wisconsin state appropriations.

Visit the FAQ page to learn more:  
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/policy-guidance/eligibility/oos-faq.htm>

The Department of Workforce Development is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need assistance with this information, please dial 7-1-1 for Wisconsin Relay Service. For the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, please call (608) 261-0050 to request information in an alternate format, including translation to another language. For service / office locations, visit: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/about/locations.htm>.

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