

# News Release

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## Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Seeks Advisory Committee Members Who Want to Help People with Disabilities Achieve Employment

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(Salem) – Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) invites Oregonians to apply to serve on a Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) that will update administrative rules governing vocational rehabilitation services.

Vocational Rehabilitation is a program within the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). VR provides a wide variety of employment services to people with disabilities to get and keep jobs that match their skills, interests and abilities. VR also serves businesses to find ready-to-work applicants with a wide range of skills and abilities and to access work incentive programs that can help businesses save money.

The Rules Advisory Committee will advise VR on how its rules affect people with disabilities who want to seek, maintain employment and advance in their careers. It will also consider how the rules contribute to equity. VR prioritizes applications from individuals who have experienced barriers to employment related to a disability or know about employment and persons with disabilities.

More information on the workgroup and how to apply to participate is provided below.

### Committee scope of work

The VR Rules Advisory Committee gives feedback and recommendations on administrative rules that govern vocational rehabilitation services. Committee members will discuss:

- Are the rules clear and understandable?
- What impact will the rules have on Vocational Rehabilitation clients?
- Rule impact on business, particularly small businesses.
- Rule impact on racial equity.

## **Timeline and commitment**

The VR Rules Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on the fourth Monday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m. The committee meets once a month, for an hour. The meeting might be extended depending on the work to be done. Committee members can anticipate spending one to two hours before the meeting to read and review proposed rules.

## **How to apply**

Are you interested in being on Vocational Rehabilitation Rules Advisory Committee? You can apply by:

- Completing this [short application electronically](#)
- Call or email Robin Brandt for assistance at 503-507-5226 or [robin.l.brandt@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:robin.l.brandt@dhsosha.state.or.us).

**Applications are accepted year-round.**

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**About Vocational Rehabilitation:** ODHS Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) assists individuals with disabilities to get and keep a job or advance in their career that matches their skills, interests, and abilities. VR staff work in partnership with the community and businesses to provide services that are individualized to help each eligible person receive services that are essential to their employment success

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