

July 11, 2025

Public comment period open for Chapter 582 Division 100 Order of Selection for Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program is amending its administrative rules regarding how the program delivers services during Order of Selection. The proposed rule changes outline the process for using a waitlist and the vocational rehabilitation services the program can provide to people on the waitlist.

An Order of Selection service delivery model may be used when the VR program does not have enough funding or personnel to fully serve eligible individuals with disabilities. In this case, a waitlist is started. Individuals who have the most significant disabilities are served first, depending on the day they apply for services.

[Temporary rules for Chapter 582 Division 100](#) reflecting changes were implemented on June 6, 2025. The Program began to provide services under Order of Selection June 14, 2025.

Public comment period

VR is seeking comment on the rule change through Sept. 12, 2025. There are three ways to share your comments: attend a public hearing and complete an online survey. You may participate in either or both of the options.

Option 1: Attend a public hearing

Two virtual public hearings will be held on these rule changes. CART and an ASL interpreter will be available at both hearings.

- Monday, Aug. 18, 2025, noon – 1 p.m.
[Join on your computer or mobile device](#)
Call in phone number: 1-669-254-5252
- Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, 3 – 4 p.m.
[Join on your computer or mobile device](#)
Call in phone number: 1-669-254-5252

Option 2: Complete a survey

Take [this online survey](#) to submit comments, suggestions, or concerns about these rules. We will collect surveys through Sept. 12, 2025, **5 p.m.**

Option 3: Email your comments

You may submit comments, suggestions, or concerns about these rules. Send an email to vr.policy@odhs.oregon.gov. The time to submit comments ends Sept. 12, 2025, **5 p.m.**

Accommodation requests

Everyone has a right to participate in these opportunities for comment. Some examples of free help we can provide include spoken language interpreters at the public meetings and written materials in other languages, Braille, large print, audio, and other formats. Although every effort will be made to arrange accommodations with 48 hours' notice, VR requests two weeks' notice to ensure

accommodations. Contact Robin Brandt at vr.policy@odhs.oregon.gov or 503-507-5226.

Summary of changes

The following changes are proposed to be made permanent after consulting with the Oregon State Rehabilitation Council, VR direct service and executive staff, and two rule advisory committees.

- The purpose of the rules is clearer. It is intended to be easier to read.
- The three priority categories of service were reviewed and clarified. The Program consulted with the federal funding agency (Rehabilitation Service Administration) to update the definitions and assure the priority categories meet federal requirements.
- Requirements for contracted services funds were added when the program is in Order of Selection.
- After an Order of Selection is instituted, the rules describe services that are available to students and youth with disabilities.
- Additional data must be collected and reported in VR's State Plan during Order of Selection. These requirements were added to the rules.
- Applicants or individuals who are eligible for VR services, and not otherwise able to receive services under an Order of Selection, may request to receive services or equipment to maintain their current

employment. The Program's response to these requests is reduced from 30 to 15 calendar days.

- More information is provided for individuals who are notified they are moving off a waitlist for services and are not available for services. Once moved off the waitlist, the rule requires that an individualized plan for employment must be written, or an extension agreed upon.
- Acronyms are spelled out throughout the rules.
- The information is organized to be easier to read.

Temporary rules for Chapter 582 Division 100 are in effect as of June 6, 2025. The temporary rules for are posted on the [Vocational Rehabilitation rule making website](#) and the [Oregon Secretary of State website](#).

Updates to OAR 582 align with requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), enacted July 22, 2014, ([Public Law No. 113-128](#)) and with state and federal requirements.

Questions

Contact Robin Brandt at vr.policy@odhs.oregon.gov or 503-507-5226.

Resources

[ODHS rules website](#)

[VR Rules and Regulations website](#)

- [Rule Making Notices](#)
- [Transmittals](#)

[Oregon Administrative Rules](#)

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