Vocational Rehabilitation

New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation (NHVR) is an agency within the Department of Education, Division of Adult Education and Rehabilitation, that helps persons with disabilities to become employed or stay employed. Vocational Rehabilitation is a joint State/Federal program that seeks to empower people to make informed choices, build viable careers, and live more independently in the community. VR also provides services to employers, to assist them in making accommodations and supporting employees with disabilities. The main office is located at: 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 20 Concord, NH 03301 Telephone: (603) 271-3471 (V/TTY). The VR program also includes Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. More information at http://www.ed.state.nh.us

A person is eligible if they have a disability that creates substantial problems in preparing for a job, getting a job, or keeping a job. Applying for VR services is done through the network of seven regional offices. A determination of eligibility is made based on medical and/or psychological information. It may be helpful to bring current medical records to the first meeting.

A counselor meets with the client to provide career guidance services to help the client decide which work field(s) are the best match, and can also include help with the skills to find and keep the job. This may include referrals for:

**Diagnostic Testing:** This involves medical or psychological exams necessary to determine eligibility for VR services and/or the need for specific types of services.

**Vocational Evaluation:** This involves aptitude, interest and other specific tests to assist in planning for the right job.

Counselors may also begin working with an individual during their high school years, preparing for the transition to work. The information collected is used to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) employment designed to meet each individual's specific needs and assist in reaching the career goal.

Available services include:

**Vocational Counseling:** Counselors can also assist with preparing a resume, practice in doing interviews, and other job seeking skills. And counselors can refer the individual for academic or occupational training or for other needed services, including:

- **Physical and Mental Restoration:** If medical treatment is needed to correct, improve or prevent deterioration of a disability, this service may be provided.

- **Assistive Technology:** VR will supply appropriate application of technological devices to support a person’s performance in a job situation.

- **Job Development:** Individuals or programs with expertise in developing connections
to area businesses and job opportunities.

**Supported Employment:** These programs are designed for persons who need long-term support to hold a job in the community. Persons in supported employment are placed in competitive jobs with workers without disabilities and receive ongoing support services.

**On-the-Job Training:** If a new employee needs specialized training and the employer has the resources available to train the employee.

**Interpreter Services:** Include foreign language, sign language or oral interpreters.

**Transportation:** As needed during the VR program for completion of the employment plan.

There is no charge for services; however, clients may be required to financially participate in certain services in their Rehabilitation Program. Clients are also required to take advantage of any insurance or other programs for which they may be eligible.

Vocational Rehabilitation Regional Offices

**BERLIN REGIONAL OFFICE**  
3 Twelfth Street, Unit A Berlin, NH 03570 Telephone (888) 300-9550 or (603) 752-2271 (V/TTY)

**CONCORD REGIONAL OFFICE**  
2 Industrial Park Drive, Bldg. 2 Concord, NH 03301 Telephone: (800) 299-1647 or (603) 271-2327 (V/TTY)

**KEENE REGIONAL OFFICE**  
103 Roxbury Street Keene, NH 03431 Telephone: (800) 620-7688 or (603) 357-0266 (V/TTY)

**LEBANON OFFICE**  
Rivermill Complex 85 Mechanic St., Suite 260A Lebanon, NH 03766 Telephone: (800) 621-7876 or (603) 448-5793 (V/TTY)

**MANCHESTER REGIONAL OFFICE**  
Millwest Corporate Center 195 McGregor St., Suite 120 Manchester, NH 03103 Telephone: (800) 627-9304 or (603) 669-8733 (V/TTY)

**NASHUA REGIONAL OFFICE**  
25 Riverside St., Suite 102 Nashua, NH 03063 Telephone: (800) 635-9614 or (603) 889-6844 (V/TTY)

**PORTSMOUTH REGIONAL OFFICE**  
30 Maplewood Avenue Portsmouth, NH 03801 Telephone: (800) 882-2744 or (603) 436-8884 (V/TTY)