

PART 15. TRAINING

612:10-7-142. General guidelines for training services [AMENDED]

(a) Training may be provided for clients who:

(1) are mentally, physically and/or emotionally capable of pursuing a course of training to completion;

(2) do not possess vocational skills which can be utilized for suitable employment within the disability limitations; and

(3) are determined to have a reasonable opportunity for obtaining employment in the chosen vocation.

(b) It is the policy of DVR and DVS not to assist clients in training beyond the requirements for the chosen vocational objective. DVR and DVS will only pay tuition and fees for courses which count toward requirements consistent with the vocational goal of the IPE. Training of DVR and DVS clients is provided by colleges, universities, private business and trade schools, state supported vocational schools, employers in the form of on-the-job training, sheltered workshops, and other approved training facilities with valid contracts.

(c) Federal regulations require a search for comparable services and benefits with the results documented before payment can be made for training in the following institutions: colleges, universities, community/junior colleges, public or private vocational/technical schools, or hospital schools of nursing. PELL grants and other available Federal/State student aid (excluding merit awards) must be applied to tuition, fees and all other educational expenses as a first dollar source prior to consideration of the expenditure of DRS funds.

(d) Training costs will not be authorized beyond the first DVR and DVS sponsored enrollment until proof of the availability of comparable benefits is received by the counselor.

(e) Once training has begun, the client is expected to progress toward the vocational objective at a steady rate. This requires the client to attend training on a regular basis, and maintain a full-time load to complete training in a minimum period of time. Sporadic attendance and reduced training loads causing a delay in the completion of training must be reviewed by the counselor.

(f) All types of institutional, technical, personal adjustment or employment training are purchased by an authorization, issued either by the field counselor or by a designated supervising counselor.