

612:10-7-157. Out-of-state training [AMENDED]

(a) Out-of-state training of DRS clients is approved when one or more of the following applies:

(1) The course of training is not available within the state;

(2) The out of state training program is no more expensive than in-state training; or

(3) There are specific considerations based on severity of the disability which preclude the use of in-state facilities.

(b) The case record is to document the basis for this determination.

(c) Individual counselors will be responsible for authorizing payment to out-of-state training facilities, unless a supervising counselor has been assigned for the training facility. Tuition for a student who attends an out-of-state college or university will be paid at the same rate paid at Oklahoma colleges or universities of equal rank. A textbook allowance and purchase of durable training supplies can be provided for clients in out-of-state training, utilizing procedures outlined in 612:10-7-153 and ~~612:10-7-154~~.

(d) Documentation must state why the particular vendor is being used in terms of specific clients, and address the issues of:

(1) selection of vocational objective;

(2) projected starting and completion dates;

(3) breakdown of costs; and

(4) extent of comparable services and benefits.

(e) Prior to client's enrollment at a facility located in another state, an approved Justification for Out-of-State Training form must be submitted to the DRS State Office.

(f) The DRS Contracts Unit must complete renewal of contracts no less than two months prior to present contract expiration date to ensure continuation of services. When a contract lapses because renewal was not completed within time frames, the Department cannot pay the institution's claim.