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REGION 1

New Orleans Regional Office
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REGION 2

Baton Rouge Regional Office
3651 Cedarcrest Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-4010
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REGION 3

Thibodaux Regional Office
1442 Tiger Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337
(985) 447-0809 (V/TDD)
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REGION 4

Lafayette Regional Office
Brandywine VI, Suite 350
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Lafayette, LA 70508-4284
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REGION 5

Lake Charles Regional Office
3616 Kirkman Street
Lake Charles, LA 70607-3006
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REGION 6

Alexandria Regional Office
900 Murray Street, Room H-100
Alexandria, LA 71301-7699
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REGION 7

Shreveport Regional Office
1525 Fairfield, Suite 708
Shreveport, LA 71101-4303
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REGION 8

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Monroe, LA 71201-7386
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**VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION
(VR)**

**LOUISIANA
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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

is a program that provides services to help persons with disabilities obtain the job skills and other resources they need to get a job, keep a job, and develop a career.

VR assists persons with a broad range of disabilities. Examples of disabilities served by VR include the following:

- Blindness or other visual impairments
- Deafness or other auditory conditions
- Mental/emotional problems
- Orthopedic impairments
- Alcohol/substance abuse
- Head injury
- Spinal cord injury
- Renal disease
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SERVICES

To be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services, an individual must:

- Have a physical or mental disability; **and**
- Have a problem getting or keeping a job because of the disability; **and**
- Need VR services to help prepare for, get, and/or keep a job.

Individuals with the most severe disabilities receive priority for services. When all eligible individuals cannot be served, they are placed on a waiting list.

PLANNING FOR VR SERVICES

If determined eligible for VR services, and placed in a priority category of eligibility, you and your counselor will **work together** to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). This plan is designed to assist you in preparing for and obtaining employment. Throughout the planning process, emphasis is placed on informing you of your choices of vocational (work) goals, services, and providers of services.

SERVICES

VR services might include any combination of the following:

- Vocational guidance and career counseling
- Restoration (physical/mental)
- Vocational and other training services
- Rehabilitation technology, including assistive technology services, assistive technology devices, and rehabilitation engineering
- Occupational tools & equipment
- Job placement into suitable employment
- Personal assistance services such as scribe, reader, personal care attendant, and interpreter

You may be required to contribute to the cost of some services.