**Vocational Rehabilitation - Adults**

**Overview**

Workforce Solutions Vocational Rehabilitation Services provides services for people with disabilities to help them prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment.

**Eligibility**

You may be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services if you:

* Have a disability which results in substantial barriers to employment
* Require services to prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment
* Are able to obtain, retain or advance in employment as a result of services

**Disabilities Served**

**Disabilities Other Than Vision-Related Disabilities**

* Behavioral and mental health conditions
* Hearing impairments, including deafness
* Alcoholism or drug addiction
* Intellectual, learning and developmental disabilities
* Physical disabilities, including traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, back injury, paralysis and impaired movement

**Vision-Related Disabilities**

* Blindness
* Significant visual impairments
* Deaf Blindness

**Adult Services**

Get help preparing for, obtaining, retaining or advancing in your employment through the following individualized services.  Services are based on eligibility and your individual needs.

**Services to Assist with Employment**

Services may be provided to help you prepare for, obtain, retain or advance in employment, including (as needed):

* Vocational counseling and guidance
* Referrals for hearing, visual and other examinations
* Assistance with medical appointments and treatment
* Rehabilitation devices, including hearing aids, wheelchairs, artificial limbs and braces
* Therapy to address a disability, including occupational or speech therapy and applied behavioral analysis
* Physical restoration services
* Medical, psychological and vocational assessments
* Assistance with college education or trade certification
* On-the-job training
* Training in workplace and employer expectations
* Vocational adjustment training
* Rehabilitation Teachers Services to help you learn Braille, orientation & mobility, and home and health management skills if you are blind or have a visual impairment
* Supported employment

**Job Matching & Placement Services**

* Transportation assistance to and from your job, including travel vouchers and vehicle modifications
* Follow-up and supported employment services to help you maintain employment
* Referral to Business Enterprises of Texas program, Crises Cole Rehabilitation Center and other state, federal and community agencies and organizations

**Apply for Services**

If you are a person with a disability, or a family member of a person with a disability, to learn more about or apply for services:

* Contact your nearest [Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services office](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/find-locations)
* Contact TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Inquiries
  + Call:  800-628-5115
  + Email:  [customers@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:customers@twc.state.tx.us). In your email, include your name, phone and address including city, state and ZIP code.  Do not include your Social Security Number or birthdate.

**Application & Service Process**

Application process:

* Contact your Texas Workforce Solutions – Vocational Rehabilitation Services office or TWC Vocational Rehabilitation Inquiries.
* Submit an application for services.
* Receive an eligibility determination from your TWC vocational rehabilitation counselor, usually within 60 days from the date of the application.

If eligible:

* Complete vocational and other assessments at your counselor’s request.
* Work with your vocational rehabilitation counselor to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) within 90 days from eligibility which includes your employment goal and approved services.
* Receive training and services included on the IPE from your counselor or a provider.