



Maine DOL Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
 Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBVI)



Organization Overview	The Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired , within the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services at the Maine Department of Labor, provides comprehensive services for individuals who are blind and visually impaired of all ages. This includes the education of blind children; independent living services; and assistance in obtaining, retaining, and advancing in employment. This snapshot provides information about DBVI's employment services.
Program Overview	Based upon a comprehensive assessment of rehabilitation needs, employment plans are developed with eligible individuals, which include services provided directly by DBVI, as well as many other partners and contracted providers.
Populations served	DBVI staff provide services through the CareerCenter one-stop system to individuals who are blind or visually impaired and that disability poses a substantial impediment requiring assistance to overcome disability-related barriers to achieve employment. Priority is given to individuals with the most significant functional limitations.
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligibility for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services is determined within 60 days based upon documentation of disability as a barrier to employment. ▪ Based upon a comprehensive assessment of rehabilitation needs, employment plans are developed with eligible individuals within 90 days. Individuals that work with DBVI are encouraged to utilize all available resource to successfully achieve their vocational goals, including registering with the Maine JobLink when ready to search for employment.
Resources	DBVI offers in person services, as well as virtual access, to a wide range of services, including vocational counseling, Orientation and Mobility Instruction, career counseling, job shadows, college preparation programs and other work- based learning opportunities.
Locations, Modalities	Portland: 151 Jetport Blvd, 877-594-5627 190 Lancaster St. Suite 200, 207-930-7047
Days/ Hours	General office hours are weekdays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Process to Enroll	Interested individuals can apply for services by completing an online VR application or a paper application. A VR counselor will respond to the application and determine the documentation needed for eligibility determination. FMI: https://www.maine.gov/rehab/dbvi/index.shtml
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