



Maine DOL Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)



Organization Overview	The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation , within the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services at the Maine Department of Labor, assists individuals who have disabilities to obtain, retain and advance in employment.
Program Overview	Based upon a comprehensive assessment of rehabilitation needs, employment plans are developed with eligible individuals, which include services provided directly by DVR, as well as many other partners and contracted providers.
Populations served	DVR staff provide services through the CareerCenter one-stop system to individuals who have disabilities (other than blindness and visual impairment served by the Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired) that pose significant impediments and require 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 DVR 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. ▪ Career exploration, work-based learning and other career preparation activities assist youth and adults to learn more about labor market opportunities.
Resources	DVR offers in person services, as well as virtual access, to a wide range of services, including vocational counseling, Career Exploration Workshops, job shadows, college preparation programs and other work- based learning opportunities.
Locations, Modalities	<p>Brunswick: 29 Sewall St., 888-836-3355</p> <p>Portland: 151 Jetport Blvd, 877-594-5627</p> <p>190 Lancaster St. Suite 200, 207-930-7047</p>
Days/ Hours	General office hours are weekdays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.
Process to Enroll	<p>Students with disabilities can access Pre-Employment Transition Services through a one-page registration form beginning at age 14.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>FMI: https://www.maine.gov/rehab/dvr/Application-DVR/DVR-Application.shtml</p>
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