



Inclusive Postsecondary Education

Florida College and Career Transition (CCT) Club
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Objective

- Describe the services VR can and cannot support for students attending Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Programs
- Describe ways to maximize (IPSE) Program access to VR resources.

WHO DO WE SERVE?



Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) helps eligible individuals with physical or mental disabilities find, get or maintain employment.


Eligibility Requirements

- You have a physical or mental disability
- Your disability results in a significant barrier to employment
- You need VR services to get or keep a job

**If you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security you are presumed eligible.*



Department of Education and VR

- VR services do not remove, reduce, or change the school district's responsibility to deliver a Free and Appropriate Public Education for students served under the supports of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
 - VR services will *supplement*, but will not *supplant* services delivered through the school districts.
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Where does the VR discussion start?

- Student must be an eligible VR Customer to receive Vocational Training service.
- Informed Choice
- The Development of the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE)
- Career Index Plus
- Service must be mutually agreed upon by the VR participant and VR Counselor.



Financial Participation

- The financial need of individuals will be considered for determining their participation in the cost of vocational rehabilitation services.
- The financial participation of an individual is determined using the tax return from the prior year.
- All individuals who participate in the vocational rehabilitation services must have a completed the Financial Participation Assessment form.



Financial Participation

TABLE A – EXCLUSION TABLE

Based on 285% above the 2019 Federal Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Income Exclusion Allowance</u>
1	\$35,597
2	48,194
3	60,791
4	73,388
5	85,985
6	98,582

For each additional person, add: \$12,597

TABLE B – PARTICIPATION TABLE

(Percentage of financial participation in the cost of non-exempt services, based on income after exclusion allowance)

<u>Income After Exclusion Allowance</u>	<u>% of Participation</u>
\$ 100 - \$ 1,999	10%
2,000 - 3,999	15%
4,000 - 5,999	20%
6,000 - 8,499	25%
8,500 - 10,999	30%
11,000 - 13,999	35%
14,000 - 16,999	40%
17,000 - 19,999	50%
20,000 - 24,999	60%
25,000 - 29,999	70%
30,000 - and above	80%

Financial Participation

EXAMPLE – FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION ASSESSMENT *(Based on Cost of Non-Exempt Services of \$4,000)*

Income	Family Size	Individual Contribution
\$80,000	4	\$ 1,000 (25%)
\$58,560	2	1,400 (35%)
\$32,340	1	0 (0%)

For Example:

Mr. Smith earned **\$80,000** and has a family size of **4**. His **income exclusion allowance**, according to **TABLE A**, is **\$ 73,388**. Subtract that from **\$80,000**. The result is **\$6,612**, which is his **income after exclusion allowance**.

According to **TABLE B**, this amount of income after exclusion allowance (\$6,612) indicates his percentage of participation is **25%**. If his **planned cost of non-exempt services** are **\$4,000**, his percentage of that is 25%. Therefore, multiply **.25** by **4,000**. This will result in **\$1,000** of financial participation. This is the amount Mr. Smith would **contribute** to his services.

Mr. Smith's Earnings	\$ 80,000.00
Subtract TABLE A Amount based on family size of 4	<u>- \$73,388.00</u>
Applicable Income	\$ 6,612.00
TABLE B - Percentage of Participation based on the Applicable Income	25%
Estimated Planned Non-Exempt Service Cost	\$ 4,000.00
25% of Planned Non-Exempt Service Cost	<u> X .25</u>
Individual's Financial Participation	\$ 1,000.00

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Approved Authorized VR Services

Exempt Services

- Guidance and Counseling
- On-the-job training
- Pre-Employment Transition Services
- Supported Employment Services
- Job Search and Placement Services

Non-Exempt

- Tuition, books & supplies
- Maintenance (housing) May be approved if required
- Assistive devices and technology
- Transportation
- Employer required uniforms and work supplies
- Needed IPSE background checks/screenings



Levels of Post-Secondary Education Support

Public

- Most Florida Public Colleges and Universities are current vendors of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Community Colleges/ Technical.

- It is recommended that the first two years of college training be provided at the technical or community college level.

Private

- If an out-of-state or private institution is used on the basis of individual preference, costs shall be paid by DVR at the same rate as that for a Florida public institution with the individual being responsible for paying any cost differences





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Florida's Cost of Attendance Resource

- <https://www.flbog.edu/universities/parents-students/tuition-fees/>

