

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Order of Selection

What is an Order of Selection?

An Order of Selection is required by federal law when DVR does not have sufficient resources to serve all eligible customers. The Order of Selection is how DVR prioritizes services for people who need them most. After customers are determined eligible, they are assigned a priority of service category based on the significance of their disability. The priority service category is based on the impact of the disability, not the type of disability.

When DVR is in an Order of Selection, how does it impact people who are current customers?

- Current DVR customers who are in an approved Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) when DVR enters the Order of Selection will continue to receive uninterrupted services.
- Some DVR customers will be placed on a wait list based on their priority of service category.

What are the priority of service categories?

- Category 1** – Most Significant Disabilities
- Category 2** – Significant Disabilities
- Category 3** – All Other Eligible Individuals with Disabilities

What criteria are considered when assigning a priority of service category?

DVR looks at seven distinct areas when assigning a priority of service category:

Mobility	Self-care	Work Tolerance
Communication	Interpersonal	Work Skills
Cognition and learning (self-direction)		

Who does DVR serve first?

DVR's core mission is to serve individuals with the most significant disabilities and students with disabilities. DVR serves people with the Most Significant Disabilities first; those are individuals who meet Category 1 criteria.

What happens to people placed on a wait list?

A waitlist is a result of a closed priority category or multiple categories. If a customer is placed on the wait list, the customer will wait to be served. DVR will release customers off of the wait list based on priority category and the date of application for DVR services. If a customer is placed on the wait list, DVR will provide information and referral about other federal or state programs that offer services to assist with employment needs, if available.

What about Pre-Employment Transition Services under an Order of Selection?

DVR will continue to provide pre-employment transition services to potentially eligible students with disabilities while under an Order of Selection. Students with disabilities who have not applied for DVR services can continue to receive pre-employment transition services. Students with disabilities who have an approved IPE can receive pre-employment transition services through their IPE. Students with disabilities who receive a pre-employment transition service before applying for DVR services will continue to receive pre-employment transition services if determined eligible and placed on a wait list. Students with disabilities who apply for DVR services before participating in a pre-employment transition service cannot receive pre-employment transition services if placed on a wait list. If a student is determined ineligible for DVR services, they can no longer receive pre-employment transition services.

