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Driver Evaluation and Vehicle Modification Services

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- The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, or OVR, provides vocational rehabilitation services to help persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain, or maintain employment.
- OVR provides services to eligible individuals with disabilities, both directly and through a network of approved vendors.
- Services are provided on an individualized basis.
- OVR services include:
  - Diagnostic Evaluation
  - Vocational Evaluation
  - Vocational Counseling
  - Training
  - Restoration Services
  - Assistive Technology
  - Placement Assistance
  - Support Services
- Certain services are subject to a Financial Needs Test (FNT) and may require financial participation by the customer.

Group Travel Training

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- Only offered in a group setting
- Can access service if potentially eligible
- Group travel training includes:
  - How to access public transportation
  - How to access Uber
  - How to access Lyft
  - Download the app to study permit test

OT Evaluation/Pre-Driver Evaluation

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- Used in situations where there is question as to whether an individual has the capacity to drive
- Completed in a medical setting by an Occupational Therapist
- Must be open with OVR

Driver Evaluation Services

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- Must have a valid permit
- Must be open with OVR and be in a planned status
- Behind-the-wheel evaluation
- Assesses
  - The need for driver training services and the number of hours
  - What modifications the individual may need to safely operate a vehicle

Driver Training Services

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- Must have a valid permit
- Must be open with OVR and be in a planned status
- Must have completed a driver evaluation through OVR first
- Maximum of 25 hours
- Financial Needs Test applies
- Goal: Obtain driver's license

Vehicle Modification Services

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- Must be open with OVR and be in a planned status
- Financial Needs Test Applies
- **Criteria for Services**
  - 1. Vehicle modification is necessary for the customer to prepare for, enter, or maintain competitive integrated employment.

    a. OVR may sponsor vehicle modifications for those customers enrolled in secondary school in the last year before graduation, provided:

        i. competitive integrated employment is the immediate post-graduation goal; **and**

        ii. the service does not supersede the responsibility of the Educational Agency.

    b. OVR may sponsor vehicle modifications for those customers enrolled in postsecondary education provided the student:

        i. requires private transportation as part of the curriculum (student teaching, internships, practicum, etc.); **or**

        ii. requires personal transportation because they must live off-campus; **or**

        iii. requires, at the completion of training, private transportation to search for competitive integrated employment.
- Structural/Non-structural
- Process of obtaining modifications/Frequency of modifications

Example of what OVR can do

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Questions

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