

**RULE**

**Workforce Commission  
Rehabilitation Services**

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Vocational Rehabilitation Program (LAC 67:VII.Chapter 1)

Editor's Note: This Rule is being repromulgated to correct a citation error. The original Rule can be viewed in the September 20, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register* on pages 1774-1776.

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) of the Administrative Procedure Act, Louisiana Workforce Commission, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS) has amended §103, §105, §115, §117, and §119 of its Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VR) policy manual to provide clarification of processes and to update guidelines to be used in the determination of financial assistance for eligible consumers. In §103, Enabling Legislation, Louisiana Rehabilitation Services updated its policy manual to reflect the agency transfer to the Louisiana Workforce Commission from the Department of Social Services per Act 939 of the 2010 Legislative Session. In §105, Confidentiality, the agency clarified the need to have written consent to release an individual's case file information. In §115, Financial, the agency removed the out-of-date basic living requirement chart and will utilize a multiple of 250 percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines, which is updated annually, thus allowing the agency access to the most up-to-date information when determining financial assistance for eligible consumers. In §117, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the agency restructured policy pertaining to the scope of establishing a small business. The agency revised the definition of "transition student" in §119, Transition Process for Individuals in Secondary Education Programs.

**Title 67**

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Part VII. Rehabilitation Services**

**Chapter 1. General Provisions**

**§115. Financial**

- A. - B.2.a.vii. ...
- viii. on-the-job training;
  - ix. assistive technology devices and services (except hearing aids);
  - x. personal assistance services provided simultaneously with any of the above-listed vocational rehabilitation services; (Examples include attendant, reader, scribe, interpreter, ASL, braille, notetaker, and adjustment/orientation and mobility training services.)

2.b. - 3.d.ii. ...

C. LRS shall determine an individual's financial need for certain vocational rehabilitation services based on the individual's disability related expenses, available assets, and a multiple of 250 percent of the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' poverty guidelines.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 23-3001.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Rehabilitation Services, LR 17:891 (September 1991), amended LR 20:317 (March 1994), LR 21:837 (August 1995), LR 24:959 (May 1998), LR 25:1273 (July 1999), LR 27:212 (February 2001), LR 27:1561 (September 2001), LR 29:47 (January 2003), LR 30:1488 (July 2004), LR 34:1038 (June 2008), amended