

## Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Order of Selection Reopening – Public Announcement

On July 1, 2021, the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) reopened the Order of Selection for individuals with a Most Significant Disability (MSD), discontinuing the waiting list for all MSD applicants. Effective August 8, 2022, OVR is planning to reopen the Order of Selection for Pennsylvanians with a Significant Disability (SD) or Non-Significant Disability (NSD). Due to this reopening, the waiting list will be discontinued for SD and NSD applicants, and all existing customers designated in those categories will be notified that their cases can proceed.

This change will be effective through June 30, 2023. OVR will review the impact of these changes and the funding available over the course of the next 12 months, determine if these categories can remain opened based on available resources and will make amendments to the OVR State Plan as appropriate.

For an individual to be determined MSD, SD or NSD, they need to meet the following criteria:

- An individual with a **\*most significant disability** has a disability that results in serious functional limitations in **\*three** or more functional capacity areas.
- An individual with a **\*significant disability** has a disability that results in serious functional limitations in **\*at least one** functional capacity area.
- An individual with a **\*non-significant disability** is determined eligible for the OVR program but does not meet the MSD or SD requirements.

In anticipation of this planned reopening, OVR will be holding a two-week public comment period from July 21, 2022 – August 4, 2022, for the public to have the opportunity to provide input on the Order of Selection reopening. During this public comment period, individuals can send feedback to [OVRfeedback@pa.gov](mailto:OVRfeedback@pa.gov) or attend a virtual public meeting to provide comment.

The public meetings will be held on July 21 from 10 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m. In order to attend these meetings, you must register in advance. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please find below the Zoom registration links.

[July 21: 10 – 11 a.m. Zoom Registration](#)

[July 21: 1 – 2 p.m. Zoom Registration](#)

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CART and sign language interpretation will be available at these meetings. Should you need alternative accommodations for these meetings, please email Connie Moonen at [cmoonen@pa.gov](mailto:cmoonen@pa.gov) no later than July 15, 2022.

OVR looks forward to continuing its mission to assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities in achieving their independent living and employment goals.

If you are interested in applying for OVR services, please contact your local OVR office by accessing [the OVR Office Directory](#) or [apply for OVR services online](#).

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