

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is announcing the reopening of the Order of Selection (OOS) for Pennsylvanians who are Most Significantly Disabled (MSD), effective July 1, 2021. Due to this reopening, the **waiting list will be discontinued** for MSD applicants.

The Order of Selection was temporarily closed on July 1, 2019, after OVR's state board approved the closure. The U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) subsequently approved and supported OVR's request to close the order and create a waiting list for new customers. Since the closure of the order, OVR has authorized 17,162 individuals to be released from the waitlist.

For a customer to be determined MSD, they will need to meet the following eligibility criteria. Those who are determined Significantly Disabled (SD) and/or Non-Significantly Disabled (NSD) will be served based on the availability of funds.

MSD Criteria

- The physical, mental or sensory impairment(s) must seriously limit three or more of the individual's functional capacities; and
- The individual must be expected to require two or more vocational rehabilitation services that are expected to last six months from the date of the Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) or be needed on an ongoing basis to reduce an impediment to employment.

OVR looks forward to continuing their 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](#) or [apply for OVR services online](#).