
**ABOUT RHODE ISLAND
DISABILITY LAW CENTER**

Transportation: ORS can help you learn how to get to your training program and help pay for costs such as bus fare and gas.

Assistive Technology: ORS can help pay devices that you may need in order to attend class, participate in your education or complete your assignments. It may also pay for software that you might need in order to use a computer.

Testing and Evaluations: If you need testing to document your disability, ORS can pay for the tests. ORS can also pay for evaluations to determine what services or devices would assist you with your disability.

Licensing Exams: If there is an exam you need to pass in order to achieve your employment goal, ORS can pay the exam fees and may also pay for courses to prepare you for the exam.

We are the private non-profit law office that receives federal funding to advocate for Rhode Islanders with disabilities.

We are available to help people with disabilities, their family members and providers learn more about ORS services. We also can advocate for individuals to obtain ORS services and/or help them in their relationships with ORS, other rehabilitation service providers and employers.

For more information or assistance please contact us!

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Are you interested in
Education
or
Training
after high school?



Did you know:
ORS can help you with
college or other post-
secondary education.

What is ORS?

The office of Rehabilitative Services (“ORS”) is the state agency that helps people with disabilities learn about employment options and find employment. ORS is funded and regulated by the federal and state government.

How will I choose my employment goal?

Your ORS counselor will help you learn what strengths you have and what supports you may need to find and maintain employment. Your counselor may ask you to complete questionnaires or undergo assessments to help identify your strengths and needs.

Your counselor will then help you choose an employment goal that is consistent with your unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, skills, abilities, preference, capabilities and interests.

Can ORS help me get training to reach my employment goal?

If your employment goal requires you to have post-secondary training, a certification, license, or a college degree, ORS can help you find the right program to get this training. ORS can even help with graduate school if that level of training is needed to reach your employment goal.

Can ORS help with the cost ?

If you meet the financial needs criteria, ORS can help pay for the expenses of your training that are necessary to reach your employment goal. Ask your counselor for more information about the financial needs test.

ORS may establish a preference for in-state programs. If you choose an out-of-state program with a higher cost, ORS will not be responsible for those costs in excess of the in-state service unless there is no similar program in-state.

What expenses can be paid for by ORS?

Tuition: ORS can pay for tuition costs that remain after you have obtained all grant assistance (eg. Pell Grants). You should be aware that ORS cannot require you to take out student loans.

ORS can also pay for your room and board if you are living in school dorms.

Books and Supplies: ORS can help pay for books and supplies required by your program. This includes textbooks and school supplies, as well as tools or equipment that you may need to learn your trade. This includes specialized tools and course materials in alternative formats that you may need because of your disability. ORS can also pay for out-of-pocket expenses that are necessary for attendance.
