

**281—56.5 (259) Eligibility for vocational rehabilitation services.** Eligibility for vocational rehabilitation services shall be determined upon the basis of the following:

**56.5(1)** A determination by qualified personnel that the applicant has a physical or mental impairment;

**56.5(2)** A determination by qualified personnel that the applicant's physical or mental impairment constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment for the applicant;

**56.5(3)** A determination by a qualified vocational rehabilitation counselor that the applicant requires vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment consistent with the applicant's unique strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice.

A presumption exists that the applicant can benefit, in terms of an employment outcome, from the provision of vocational rehabilitation services. This presumption may be overcome by the division if, based on clear and convincing evidence, the division determines that the applicant is incapable of benefiting, in terms of an employment outcome, from vocational rehabilitation services due to the severity of the applicant's disability;

**56.5(4)** A determination that the individual meets the residency requirement at the time of application.

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