

Information Regarding Postsecondary Training Services for 2023-2024 Academic School Year

Pursuant to 460 IAC 14-18-4(a), Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR) funding for postsecondary training may not exceed the lesser of either the published rates and tuition costs of the training institution or program a participant attends, or the rates established by the VR program.

All participants interested in receiving postsecondary assistance towards tuition, rates and books from VR must make maximum efforts to secure financial assistance, including federal, state, institutional, and private financial aid grants, scholarships, and other gift awards. This includes filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the Office of Federal Student Aid by the Indiana priority filing deadline.

The VR program uses financial information provided by a participant's postsecondary institution to calculate the amount of postsecondary training assistance by subtracting the amount of resources a participant has available to contribute to their postsecondary education expenses from the approved maximum expenses listed on rate schedule below. When determining a participant's resource amount, VR only considers grants and scholarship awards that will be used to reduce the participant's postsecondary education expenses. If a participant receives a scholarship that is unrestricted and chooses to use it for an expense that VR does not cover, it will not be considered a resource. VR excludes the Expected Family Contribution from its calculation of postsecondary assistance for participants who have been determined eligible for Social Security benefits under titles II or XVI of the Social Security Act. The actual amount of assistance a participant may receive will vary based on the cost of the postsecondary institution selected by a participant, the number of credit hours in which a participant is enrolled, and the amount of resources a participant has available.

Pursuant to 460 IAC 14-11-1, participants who choose to attend a private or out-of-state postsecondary institution are responsible for additional costs, such as room and board, that exceed the cost of a public or in-state alternative. Otherwise, pursuant to 460 IAC 14-18-3, the participant is responsible for paying for expenses exceeding the cost of the least cost in-state publicly supported institution.

The VR program may pay for room and board expenses up to the amount listed on rate schedule below if the VR program determines that there is no in-state or local postsecondary institution that offers the certificate or degree that meets the participant's vocational rehabilitation needs.

The rate schedule for postsecondary education school expenses applies to all postsecondary institutions, including private colleges and universities, in-state institutions, and out of state institutions.

Undergraduate Degree	Semester	\$492 per credit hour, up to \$5,895
	Quarter	\$369 per credit hour, up to \$4,421
Graduate Degree	Semester	\$604 per credit hour, up to \$7,243
	Quarter	\$453 per credit hour, up to \$5,432
Books and Materials	Semester	Up to \$515
	Quarter	Up to \$386
Room and Board	Semester	Up to \$6,690
	Quarter	Up to \$5,018

A participant may submit a written request to the VR program for an exception to the rate schedule if a participant's disability-related needs for accessing postsecondary education to meet their employment outcome cannot be met applying the rate schedule.