

The following agencies offer vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with specific disabilities:

Individuals who are Deaf may contact SMD's Deaf Services at 975-3083 (TTY) or 975-3107 (V).

The Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) assists individuals with spinal cord injuries (786-4753).

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) assists individuals with visual impairments (774-5421).

Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) assists individuals with psychiatric, mental or learning disabilities. Call your local Family Services Office listed in the Government of Manitoba section of the telephone directory.



Individuals receiving or eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services through the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) or the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) may not be eligible.

How Do I Apply for SMD's Vocational Rehabilitation Services?

The first step is contacting an SMD office near you. If you live in Winnipeg, contact SMD's Adult Intake Counsellor at 975-3101.

If you live in any other area of Manitoba, services are available by contacting one of the SMD regional offices.

For information on other SMD programs, contact:

Society for Manitobans with Disabilities

825 Sherbrook Street

Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5

Telephone: (204) 975-3010

Toll-Free: 1-866-282-8041

Fax: (204) 975-3073

TTY (204) 975-3012

Toll-Free TTY 1-800-225-9108

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TTY: 1-800-225-9108 (front desk)
Fax: (204) 975-3073

Westman Regional Office - Brandon

Room 110 340-9th Street
Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6C2
Telephone: (204) 726-6157
Toll-free: 1-800-813-3325
TTY: (204) 726-6157
Fax: (204) 726-6499

Parkland Regional Office - Dauphin

Room 411, 27-2nd Avenue
Dauphin, Manitoba R7N 3E5
Telephone: (204) 622-2293
Toll-free: 1-800-844-2307
TTY: (204) 622-2293
Fax: (204) 622-2260

Northern Regional Office - Thompson

303-83 Churchill Drive
Thompson, Manitoba R8N 0L6
Telephone: (204) 778-4277
Toll Free: 1-888-367-0268
TTY: (204) 778-4277
Fax: (204) 778-4461

Eastman Regional Office - Steinbach

201-323 Main Street
Steinbach, Manitoba R5G 1Z2
Telephone: (204) 326-5336
Toll-free: 1-800-497-8196
TTY: (204) 346-3998
Fax: (204) 326-9762

Central Regional Office - Morden

100-30 Stephen Street
Morden, Manitoba R6M 2G3
Telephone: (204) 822-7412
Toll-free: 1-800-269-5451
TTY: (204) 822-7412
Fax: (204) 822-7413

Interlake Regional Office - Selkirk

382 Main Street
Selkirk, Manitoba R1A 1T8
Telephone: (204) 785-9338
Toll-free: 1-888-831-4213
TTY: (204) 482-5638
Fax: (204) 785-9340

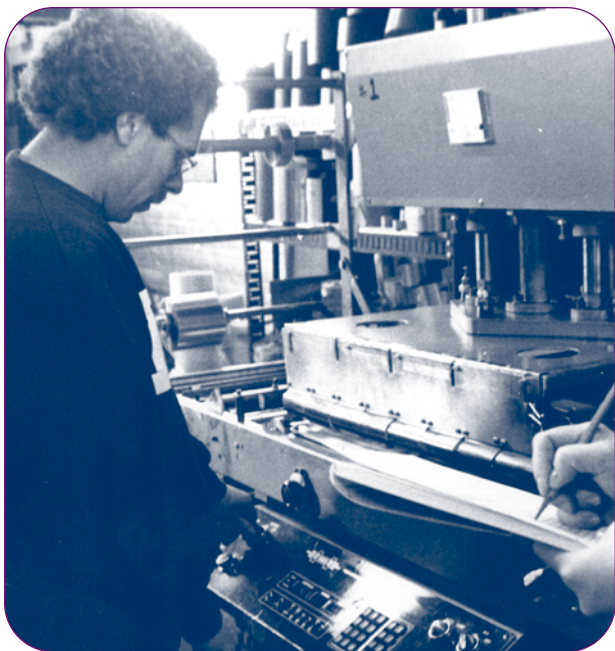


**VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION
SERVICES**



What is the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities?

SMD is a not-for-profit agency that provides a full range of rehabilitative services to children and adults with physical disabilities throughout Manitoba. Our primary purpose is to promote the full participation and equality of people with disabilities.



What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational rehabilitation refers to the progressive process of planning, preparing for and attaining gainful employment. SMD offers vocational rehabilitation services to adults with physical disabilities free of charge. Services may include counselling, assessment, and support in obtaining financial assistance for job training or educational programs and employment placement.

Who Qualifies for Services?

Any Manitoban, age 16 or over, independent of the school system, who has a permanent or chronic physical, neurological or hearing disability that affects them on a daily basis.

What Happens Next?

You will be offered an intake interview with the Intake Counsellor after the application and medical forms are completed.

A Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor will be assigned to you. Together you will work on an individualized vocational rehabilitation plan. The overall plan will identify services and activities that will assist you to achieve your goal of gainful employment.

Your plan may involve the use of other services at SMD such as:

- Employment Preparation Centre - comprehensive vocational evaluations and community-based work experiences, which may include exploring your skills, interests, aptitudes and physical abilities.
- Employment Services - a variety of services including pre-employment counselling, resume preparation, active job search techniques, interview skills, marketing of specific skills to employers for job placement, job assessment, training on the job, job accommodations and placement follow-up.

What Role will My Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor Play?

Your Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor is responsible for the coordination of the vocational rehabilitation process which involves the following 5 steps:

1. Assessment

This involves a review of your skills, abilities and interests, as well as your educational background and employment history in relation to your physical disability.

2. Developing your individualized vocational rehabilitation plan

The information obtained during the assessment phase will be used to assist you in selecting an appropriate vocational goal and to identify what services and action are required.

3. Vocational counselling

Throughout the process your Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor will provide you with support, encouragement and problem solving assistance with regard to making vocational choices.

4. Implementation

Your Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor will assist you in the implementation of the agreed upon activities through coordination of services in support of the vocational goal.

5. Follow-up

Your Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellor will provide you with support during the transition to employment and, if required, for a specified period of time while you are employed.

