# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual B-300: Determining Eligibility

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## B-302: Presumption of Eligibility for Social Security Recipients

Recipients of Social Security disability benefits (that is, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)) are:

* presumed eligible for VR services; and
* determined eligible immediately after receipt of benefits is verified unless there is a question about the customer's ability to achieve an employment outcome.

Recipients of SSI/SSDI benefits must also provide proof of identity and current, unexpired authorization for employment prior to determination of eligibility for VR services. See [B-204-2: Customer Identification and Authorization for Employment](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-b-200%22%20%5Cl%20%22b204-2) for more information.

A copy of the documentation used to verify SSI or SSDI benefits, proof of identity, and authorization for employment must be filed in the customer's paper case file.

The VR counselor documents the determination of eligibility in a case note in RHW. See D-302-2: Required ReHabWorks Case Notes for more information.

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## B-311: Other Eligibility Considerations

The VR counselor must determine eligibility for VR services without regard to gender, age, race, religion, color, national origin, the type of employment outcome expected, the type of disability, the source of the referral, the services needed, or the anticipated cost of the services required by a customer; The VR counselor cannot base a decision of ineligibility solely on the type of disability.

### B-311-1: Residency Requirement

It is not required that a customer reside in Texas to be considered eligible for VR services; he or she must only be present in Texas. To confirm that the customer is present in the state, the customer must meet with VR staff in person before the his or her eligibility can be determined by the VR counselor.

If a customer presents an unexpired identification or authorization for employment document with an out-of-state address, staff should ask the customer if he or she is receiving VR services from another state. If the answer is yes, VR staff must coordinate with the out-of-state VR agency to ensure that services are not duplicated.

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