# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual B-500: Individualized Plan for Employment

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## B-505: Joint Annual Review and IPE Amendments

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### B-505-2: IPE Amendment

The IPE is amended, as necessary, by the customer or, as appropriate, the customer's representative, in collaboration with the VR counselor, if there are substantive changes in the employment goal, the VR services to be provided, or the providers of the VR services. A substantial change to the employment goal occurs when there is a change to the Standard Occupation Classification job family identified in the first two digits of the SOC code.

The amendment must be completed before the dates of services on the IPE or current IPE amendment have expired.

If there is a gap between the date the IPE is amended and the end dates of services on the expired IPE or IPE amendment, there will need to be multiple line items for the same service that reflect the gap in services. In this case, when the service is carried over to the new IPE amendment, the start and end dates will remain as they were on the previous IPE or IPE amendment; if the service is to resume after the gap between the expiration date of the IPE or IPE amendment, the next line item for the service must include the new start date, which is the date of the current IPE amendment or a later date. This line item will also include the anticipated end date of the service.

#### Content of the IPE Amendment

The IPE amendment is a standalone document that captures the goals and services that the customer will need to continue to progress towards a competitive integrated employment goal. All policies and procedures for completing the original IPE apply to the completion of the IPE amendment. Refer to B-503: Content of the IPE for more information.

All services that remain in effect at the time that the IPE is amended must be included on the IPE amendment. The start date of services on the IPE amendment should reflect the date that the services first started if they were included in the original IPE or a previous IPE amendment. New services that are added to the IPE amendment cannot have a start date prior to the date of the current IPE amendment.

The IPE amendment must be signed by both the VR counselor and the customer or their representative in RHW or on a printed version of the [DARS5159, Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) Amendment](https://twc.texas.gov/forms/index.html) before services can continue.

If RHW is not available, you can use DARS5159, Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) Amendment. Enter the information from the DARS5159 into RHW as soon as possible and maintain the signed paper copy of the DARS5159 in the customer's case folder. When the IPE amendment is completed in RHW, print and provide a copy of the document to the customer.

#### IPE Amendment Documentation

When completing an IPE amendment, review and update that is reviewed as part of the joint annual review (see [B-505-1: Joint Annual Review](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-b-500#b505-1)). In addition to this information, document, in ReHabWorks, the justification for any changes to the goals, services, providers, or other content that will be included in the IPE amendment.

Refer to [E-300: Case Notes Requirements](https://twc.texas.gov/vr-services-manual/vrsm-b-500#masthead) for additional information.