

The **Office of Rehabilitation Services** (ORS) can help pay for **Assistive Technology** (AT) if it helps you get ready for work, find a job, or do your job.

What is Assistive Technology?

Assistive technology (AT) is any device that helps you do everyday tasks more easily or helps you keep doing things you need to do. These devices can be tools, software, or other types of equipment.

How does ORS help?

ORS helps people with disabilities learn about job options, get training for a job, and find and keep a job.

What can ORS help pay for?

ORS can help pay for:

- An AT device
- Tests to find the right device. These are called evaluations.
- Training to learn how to use the device

The AT device must be related to your job or training.

When is a device related to work or training?

An AT device is related to work or training when it helps you:

- Get ready for work
- Find a job
- Do your job
- Travel to and from work or training

Important Things to Know About ORS and AT

- ORS gives **free tests** to find the right AT device for you.
- ORS may pay for **some or all your devices**. How much ORS pays depends on your **income** and other **resources** (like insurance or Social Security benefits).
- If you already have a device, ORS may still pay for **training** to help you use it.
- ORS may ask you to use **Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance first**.
 - If insurance does not cover everything, ORS may pay the rest.
 - ORS **cannot make** you use other funding if it means it will take longer to get your AT device or services.

If ORS Does Not Help You

ORS must explain, **in writing**, why they will not help you get:

- An AT evaluation (test)
- A device, tool, or software
- A service related to the AT

You have the **right to appeal** this decision. That means you can ask ORS to change their minds.

Want to learn more about your rights?

Contact **Disability Rights Rhode Island**:

- **Phone:** 401-831-3150
- **Email:** info@drri.org
- Check out DRRI's guide "**Guide to Services from the Rhode Island Office of Rehabilitation Services**" at www.drri.org.