

**WAC 67-25-465 Vocational rehabilitation services—Occupational licenses, tools, equipment, initial stocks and supplies and other technical assistance for self-employment.**

(1) Goods and services described in this section may be provided only under an individualized plan for employment when necessary for the participant to achieve an employment outcome or establish a small business, including:

(a) A participant to be bonded if the employment he or she is entering requires a bond and the participant supplies all necessary information to the bonding firm;

(b) Occupational licenses, permits, or certificates showing that the individual meets certain standards, has accomplished certain achievements, or has paid dues, fees, or has other written authority required by a state, city, or other government unit that qualifies the individual to engage in a business, specific trade, or other work;

(c) Occupational tools which are customarily required for a worker to perform efficiently on the job, and which workers in the same or similar trade or profession are normally provided. These may include specialized tools adapted to accommodate the individual's disability;

(d) Occupational equipment and occupational fixtures normally found in places of business. These include machinery, and appliances that are usually stationary during utilization. However, self-powered vehicles may also be provided as occupational equipment;

(e) Initial stocks such as the initial inventory of merchandise or goods necessary for a participant to enter self-employment. It may also include the initial purchase of livestock as a base stock, and stocks of seed, fertilizer, fuel, etc., for farming or agricultural self-employment;

(f) Initial supplies including expendable items necessary for the participant to carry out day-to-day business operations, and which are consumed on the premises in the course of the participant's self-employment business or in a business enterprise location;

(g) Technical assistance including consultation and other services provided to conduct market analyses, to develop business plans, and to provide resources to individuals in the pursuit of self-employment, telecommuting and small-business operations.

(2) Goods and services described in this section shall be provided only after consideration of comparable services and benefits in accordance with WAC 67-25-283.

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