

# Unified Regulatory Plan of the

## Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

for State Fiscal Year 2025

June 2024

### Description of the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

The Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) is the state agency charged with general supervision of vocational rehabilitation and independent living services provided to individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind. The agency is either mandated or otherwise authorized to provide specialized programs including special education to children and youth; rehabilitation teaching and independent living; special library services to individuals who are blind or have print disabilities; and manufacturing, retail, and contract services for creating employment opportunities for people who are blind. DBVI administers the Randolph-Sheppard Act Vending Facility Program in the Commonwealth and the Vocational Rehabilitation Program including workforce services that prepare individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or deafblind for competitive employment and provide business with a pipeline of qualified workers. The agency also operates a residential rehabilitation center, the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Code of Virginia, Title 22.1-217, Chapter 13, Article 2 and Title 51.5, Chapter 12.

### **Individual Regulatory Activities**

### **Table for Individual Regulatory Activities**

Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or Gu	idance Document
Amend Regulations Governing Provision of Services in Vocational		
Rehabilitation		
Brief Overviev	v	
DBVI seeks to	amend 22 VAC 45-51 (Regula	ations Governing Provision
of Services in \	Vocational Rehabilitation) to	bring the state regulations
into compliand	ce with federal regulations fo	ound at 34 CFR 361 (State
Vocational Rel	nabilitation Services Program	n).
Proposed regu	lations are currently under p	reliminary review at the
Office of the A	ttorney General. Formal reg	ulatory action has not yet
been initiated	by the agency.	
Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency Rule
Stage	☐ Proposed Rule	
(check one	☐ Final Rule	
box)		
Additional	☐ Expedited Rule	☐ Guidance Document
Description	☐ Exempt Rule	
Legal	☑ Action required by	☐ Discretionary action
Authority	federal statute	·
	☑ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	None identified at this time	).
Component		
Expected	May 2025	
Date	,	

Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action o	r Gu	idance Document
Amend 22 VAC	C 45-20 (Regulations to C	Gove	rn the Operation of
Vending Facilit	Vending Facilities in Public Buildings and Other property)		
Brief Overviev			
	amend 22VAC45-20 (Reg	_	
•			uildings and Other Property)
	•		d Regulations Governing
•	ties in Public Buildings).		• , , ,
amending 22V	AC45-20 while simultane	eous	sly repealing 22VAC45-40.
This action cor	nsolidates two regulation	ns pe	ertaining to operation of
vending stands	s, updates the name of t	he a	gency from the
Department for	or the Visually Handicapp	oed t	to the Department for the
	on Impaired, updates lan	•	
	. , ,	•	participate in the Randolph-
	ding Stand Program, ren		•
citations, and	updates governing autho	oritie	<b>2</b> S.
Proposed ame	ndments to 22 VAC 45-2	0 ar	e currently under
preliminary rev	view at the Office of the	Atto	rney General. Formal
regulatory acti	ion has not yet been initi	iated	d by the agency.
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA		☐ Emergency Rule
Stage (shock one	☐ Proposed Rule		□ Fast-Track Rule
(check one box)	☐ Final Rule		
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Additional	☐ Expedited Rule		☐ Guidance Document
Description	☐ Exempt Rule		
Legal	□ Action required	by	☐ Discretionary action
Authority	federal statute		

	☑ Action required by state
	statute
Deregulatory	Though this regulatory action does not decrease
Component	DBVI's regulatory requirements or compliance burdens, it does reduce the number of DBVI's Administrative Code regulations.
Expected	May 2025
Date	

Action/Stage 2436	or Guidance Document Fo	orum ID (if available)
Department f	esed Regulatory Action or or the Blind and Vision Importance Document	
Procedures m Document tha	of the DBVI Vocational Reanual with a Vocational Re	ehabilitation Guidance  policies and procedures for
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<ul><li>□ NOIRA</li><li>□ Proposed</li><li>□ Final</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Emergency or</li><li>Emergency/NOIRA</li><li>☐ Revised Proposed</li><li>☐ Fast-Track</li></ul>
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	⊠ Guidance Document

Legal	☐ Action required by	☐ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute		
	☐ Action required by state		
	statute		
Deregulatory	Document reduced by 99,7	05 words and 261 pages.	
Component	Submitted to ORM on 4/26	/2024, ORM approval	
	5/14/2024, DBVI Guidance	Document Forum 2436	
	published in The Virginia Re	egister on 6/3/2024.	
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4,	/2024	
Date			
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document Foru	ım ID (if available)	
2432			
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or Gu	iidance Document	
Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired Education Services			
Guidance Document			
Brief Overviev			
Replacement of the DBVI Education Services Policy and Procedures			
	lanual with an Education Services Guidance Document that removes		
internal agency policies and procedures for provision of services and			
	escribes Education Services	Guidance.	
Regulatory	□ NOIRA	$\square$ Emergency or	
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA	
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed	
box)		☐ Fast-Track	
Additional	☐ Expedited Review	⊠ Guidance Document	
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Description	l <u> </u>		
	☐ Exempt Action		

Legal

Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	2
	statute	
Deregulatory	Document reduced by 16,	619 words and 47 pages.
Component	Submitted to ORM on 4/2	6/2024, ORM approval
	5/14/2024, DBVI Guidance	e Document Forum 2432
	published in The Virginia R	Register on 6/3/2024.
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4	1/2024
Date		
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document For	um ID (if available)
2433		
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or G	uidance Document
Department for	or the Blind and Vision Impa	aired Low Vision Manual
<b>Brief Overviev</b>	v	
Replacement of	of the DBVI Low Vision Police	cy and Procedure Manual
with a Low Vision Guidance Document that removes internal agency		
policies and procedures for provision of services and more clearly		
describes Low	Vision Services.	
Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed
box)		☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review	□ Guidance Document
Description	Requested	

Action required by  $\square$  Discretionary Action

Legal	☐ Action required by ☐ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Document reduced by 1,577 words and five pages.	
Component	Submitted to ORM on 4/26/2024, ORM approval	
	5/14/2024, DBVI Guidance Document Forum 2432	
	published in The Virginia Register on 6/3/2024.	
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4/2024	
Date		
	or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
2438		
-	sed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Orientation ar	nd Mobility Guidance Document Revision	
Brief Overviev		
Replacement of the DBVI Orientation and Mobility Policy Manual with		
Orientation and Mobility Guidance Document that removes internal		
agency policie	gency policies and procedures for provision of services and more	
clearly describes Orientation and Mobility Services.		
Regulatory	□ NOIRA □ Emergency or	
Stage	☐ Proposed Emergency/NOIRA	
(check one	☐ Final ☐ Revised Proposed	
box)	☐ Fast-Track	
Additional	☐ Expedited Review ☐ Guidance Document	
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Legal Authority	☐ Exempt Action	

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	statute	
Deregulatory	Document reduced by	4638 words and 20 pages.
Component	Submitted to ORM on 4/29/2024, ORM approval	
	5/14/2024, DBVI Guida	nce Document Forum 2438
	published in The Virgin	ia Register on 6/3/2024.
Expected	Planned Effective Date	7/4/2024.
Date		
	or Guidance Document	Forum ID (if available)
2442		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Rehabilitation	Technology	
Brief Overviev	V	
Replacement of	of the DBVI Rehabilitation	n Technology Manual with a
Rehabilitation	Technology Guidance D	ocuments that removes
internal agency policies and procedures for provision of technology		
_	ne Technology Tutor Net	
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA
(check one	□ Final	☐ Revised Proposed
box)		☐ Fast-Track
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Additional	☐ Expedited Review	⊠ Guidance Document
Description	Requested	
	☐ Exempt Action	
Legal	☐ Action required	by Discretionary Action
Authority	federal statute	,

	☐ Action required by state
	statute
Deregulatory	Document reduced by 4451 words and 8 pages.
Component	Submitted to ORM on 4/30/2024, ORM approval
	5/14/2024, DBVI Guidance Document Forum 2442
	published in The Virginia Register on 6/3/2024.
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4/2024.
Date	

Action/Stage of 2445	or Guidance Document Foru	m ID (if available)
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Rehabilitation Teaching and Independent Living Guidance Document		
Brief Overview  Replacement of the DBVI Rehabilitation Teaching and Independent Living Services (RT/IL) Policy and Procedures Manual with the DBVI RT/IL Guidance documents that removes internal agency policies and procedures for provision of services and more clearly describes RT/IL Services.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	□ NOIRA □ Proposed □ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	⊠ Guidance Document

Legal	$\square$ Action required by	☐ Discretionary Action
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Decreases existing publicat	ion by 21,738 words and
Component	102 pages. Submitted to O	RM on 5/06/2024, ORM
	approval 5/14/2024, DBVI (	Guidance Document Forum
	2445 published in The Virgi	nia Register on 6/3/2024.
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4/	<sup>7</sup> 2024.
Date		
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document Foru	ım ID (if available)
2449		
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or Gu	idance Document
Virginia Rehab	ilitation Center for the Blind	and Vision Impaired
Guidance Document		
Brief Overviev	v	
Replacement of the VRCBVI Policy and Procedure Manual with a		
VRCBVI Guidance Document that removes internal agency policies		
and procedures for delivery of services and training and more clearly		
describes training and services at VRCBVI.		
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA
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box)		☐ Fast-Track
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Legal	$\square$ Action required by	☐ Discretionary Action
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Decreases existing publicat	ion by 18,853 words and 55
Component	pages. Submitted to ORM	on 5/08/2024, ORM
	approval 5/14/2024, DBVI	Guidance Document Forum
	2449 published in The Virg	inia Register on 6/3/2024.
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/4	/2024.
Date		
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document Ford	um ID (if available)
2452		
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or Gu	uidance Document
Virginia Enterp	orises for the Blind Guidance	e Document
<b>Brief Overviev</b>	v	
Replacement of the DBVI Enterprises Policies and Procedures Manual		
with the DBVI Enterprises for the Blind Guidance Document that		
removes internal agency policies and procedures Vending Facilities		
and more clearly describes the program.		
Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed
box)		
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-		☐ Fast-Track
Additional	☐ Expedited Review	☐ Fast-Track  ☐ Guidance Document
-	☐ Expedited Review Requested	

Legal	☐ Action required I	by Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute		
	☐ Action required by state		
	statute		
Deregulatory	Decreases existing public	cation by 903 words and 13	
Component	pages. Submitted to ORI	M on 5/09/2024, ORM	
	approval 5/14/2024, DB\	/I Guidance Document Forum	
	2452 published in The Vi	rginia Register on 6/3/2024.	
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7	/4/2024.	
Date			
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document Fo	orum ID (if available)	
2453			
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Action or	Guidance Document	
Delete PPD 22	-01 Chapter 7.7 Transitior	n Services	
Brief Overview			
Delete PPD 22	-01 Chapter 7.7 Transitior	n Services. This Policy and	
Procedures Directive (PPD) to DBVI employees regarding delivery of			
transition services is an internal agency document rather than a			
public guidance document.			
Regulatory			
Stage	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or	
(check one	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA	
box)	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed	
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Additional	☐ Expedited Review	⊠ Guidance Document	
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	☐ Exempt Action		

Legal	☐ Action required by ☒ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;	
Component	decrease of 251 words and one page. Submitted to	
	ORM on 5/9/2024, ORM approval on 5/28/2024, DBVI	
	Guidance Document Forum to be published in The	
	Virginia Register on 7/17/2024.	
Expected	Planned Effective Date 7/18/2024	
Date		

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 2470			
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Delete PPD DS-22-03 VR Post-Employment Policy			
Brief Overview  Deletion of PPD DS-22-03 VR Post-Employment Policy and Guidance. This PPD to DBVI employees regarding delivery of transition services is an internal agency policy document. Elimination of 195 words			
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<ul><li>□ NOIRA</li><li>□ Proposed</li><li>□ Final</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Emergency or</li><li>Emergency/NOIRA</li><li>☐ Revised Proposed</li><li>☐ Fast-Track</li></ul>	
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested	☐ Guidance Document	

	☐ Exempt Action	
Legal	☐ Action required by ☐ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;	
Component	decrease of 195 one page. Submitted to ORM on	
	5/15/2024, ORM approval on 5/28/2024, DBVI	
	Guidance Document Forum 2470 to be published in	
	The Virginia Register on 6/17/2024.	
Expected	Planned effective 7/18/2024	
Date		

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 2471			
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document			
Deletion of PPD DS-04 Referral			
Brief Overview			
	Deletion of PPD DS-22-04 Referral. This PPD to DBVI employees		
0 0	regarding referral to the Rehabilitation Teaching program is an		
internal agency policy document. Elimination of 285 words and 2			
pages.			
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or	
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA	
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed	
box)		☐ Fast-Track	

Additional	☐ Expedited Review ☐ Guidance Document		
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	☐ Exempt Action		
Legal	☐ Action required by ⊠ Discretionary Action		
Authority	federal statute		
	☐ Action required by state		
	statute		
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;		
Component	decrease of 285 words and two pages. Submitted to		
	ORM on 5/15/2024, ORM approval on 6/4/2024, DBVI		
	Guidance Document Forum 2471 to be published in		
	The Virginia Register on July 1, 2024.		
Expected	Planned effective date 8/1/2024		
Date			
Action/Stage	or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
2472			
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document			
Deletion of PPD DS-22-05 Low Vision Manual Policy			
Brief Overview			
Deletion of PPD DS-22-05 Low Vision Policy and Procedure. This PPD			
to DRVI amployees concerning policy and procedures in the delivery			

# Brief Overview Deletion of PPD DS-22-05 Low Vision Policy and Procedure. This PPD to DBVI employees concerning policy and procedures in the delivery of Low Vision services is an internal agency policy document. Regulatory Stage | Proposed | Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA | Revised Proposed | Final | Revised Proposed | Fast-Track

Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review ☐ Guidance Document Requested	
	☐ Exempt Action	
Legal	☐ Action required by ☒ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;	
Component	elimination of 224 words and two pages. Submitted to	
	ORM on 5/15/2024, ORM approval 5/28/2024, DBVI	
	Guidance Document Forum 2472 to be published in	
	The Virginia Register on 7/17/2024.	
Expected	Planned effective date 7/18/2024	
Date		

Action/Stage of 2474	or Guidance Docu	ment Forum ID (if available)	
Title of Propos	sed Regulatory Ac	tion or Guidance Document	
Deletion of PPD DS 22-06 Change of Tutor Rates			
Brief Overview			
Deletion of PPD DS-22-06 Change in Tutor Rates. This PPD to DBVI			
employees concerning rates of reimbursement for technology tutors			
is an internal agency policy document.			
Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or	
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA	
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed	
box)		☐ Fast-Track	

Additional	☐ Expedited Review ☐ Guidance Document		
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Legal	☐ Action required by ☐ Discretionary Action		
Authority	federal statute		
	☐ Action required by state		
	statute		
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;		
Component	elimination of 198 words and one page. Submitted to		
	ORM on 5/15/2024, ORM approval on 5/28/2024,		
	DBVI Guidance Document Forum 2474 to be published		
	in The Virginia Register on 6/17/2024.		
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Deletion of DBVI PPD DS-22-07 Low Vision Manual Update			
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Deletion of PPD DS-22-07 Low Vision Manual Update. This PPD to			
DBVI employees pertaining to updates to the Low Vision Policy			
Manual, revised low vision exam form, and low vision order form is an			
internal agency policy document.			
□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or		
☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA		
□ Final	☐ Revised Proposed		
	□ Fast-Track		
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☐ Expedited Review	⊠ Guidance Document		
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	sed Regulatory Action or G  VI PPD DS-22-07 Low Vision  PD DS-22-07 Low Vision Ma es pertaining to updates to ed low vision exam form, ar y policy document.  NOIRA Proposed Final		

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Legal	☐ Action required by ⊠ Discretionary Action	
Authority	federal statute	
	☐ Action required by state	
	statute	
Deregulatory	Deletes existing internal agency policy document;	
Component	elimination of 135 words and one page. Submitted to	
	ORM on 5/15/2024, ORM approval on 5/28/2024,	
	DBVI Guidance Document Forum 2475 to be published	
	in The Virginia Register on 7/17/2024.	
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Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document			
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Regulatory	□ NOIRA	☐ Emergency or	
Stage	☐ Proposed	Emergency/NOIRA	
(check one	☐ Final	☐ Revised Proposed	
box)		☐ Fast-Track	
Additional	☐ Expedited Review	☐ Guidance Document	
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Legal	☐ Action required by	☐ Discretionary Action
Authority	federal statute	
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box)		☐ Fast-Track
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