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## **Functional limitations indicators reference**

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<b>Functional limitations (review limitations in terms of an employment outcome)</b>	<b>Indicators of serious limitation</b>
<p><b>MOBILITY</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, lacks the physical, cognitive or psychological ability to independently travel or move about safely within home, work and community environments.</p>	<p>Is significantly restricted or unable to safely travel or move about within common community, training, home, or work environments.</p>
<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, cannot accurately and efficiently give or receive information (through speaking, listening, reading, or writing) without reasonable accommodation, adaptive aids or technology.</p>	<p>The individual's communications ability is significantly limited in speed, clarity or duration. For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cannot hear or understand the content of ordinary spoken conversations.</li> <li>2. Cannot be readily understood by others with familiarity.</li> <li>3. Cannot print or write short notes (Keep door closed, No exit, Out of order, Don't walk, Sweep floor, and other messages requiring "survival" writing skills).</li> <li>4. Cannot read signs or short notes.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SELF-CARE</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, does not have the physical, cognitive or psychological ability to independently perform the routine activities of daily living.</p>	<p>Cannot perform routine activities of daily living and/or self-care to the extent that it impacts employment.</p>
<p><b>SELF-DIRECTION</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, does not have the physical, cognitive or psychological ability to independently plan, initiate, organize, make decisions and carry out personal, social and work activities after his or her self-care needs have been met.</p>	<p>Cannot independently start tasks, finish tasks, do all the steps in a task, follow schedules, or decide on what to do next.</p>
<p><b>INTERPERSONAL SKILLS</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, cannot establish or maintain personal, family or community relationships, or cannot interact appropriately with others in the workplace, thereby affecting the ability to secure or maintain employment.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cannot establish and maintain working relationships with coworkers, fellow students, or family members.</li> <li>2. Exhibits inappropriate behaviors (such as hitting, yelling, temper tantrums, destruction of property, and sexual or racial harassment) which interfere with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* performance of others in training or work settings; or</li> <li>* the individual's performance in training or work settings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Is avoided or rejected by coworkers or fellow students because of issues such as serious scarring, disfigurement, uncontrolled drooling, or uncontrolled motions.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>WORK TOLERANCE</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, cannot meet the strength, stamina, endurance or psychological stresses of a job regardless of the work skills possessed by the person; or cannot tolerate the physical environment of the workplace.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is significantly restricted in ability to meet typical physical employment requirements to perform previous job or usual line of work, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Is unable to lift or carry objects required.</li> <li>* Is unable to sustain continuous or prolonged paced movement of the arms, hands, or fingers.</li> <li>* Is unable to sustain a continuous or prolonged standing or sitting position of the body.</li> <li>* Is unable to sustain consistent physical work effort.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Is significantly restricted in ability to tolerate typical psychological stresses in the work environment.</li> <li>3. Is unable to tolerate the common environmental conditions found at work.</li> <li>4. Is unable to sustain a consistent mental work effort.</li> <li>5. Is unable to complete tasks at a pace comparable to that of the average person in the general population.</li> </ol>
<p><b>WORK SKILLS</b> A person has a functional limitation when he or she, because of a disability, lacks the work skills, work experience or ability to perform the essential job tasks needed to secure or maintain employment consistent with his or her strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities and informed choice.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is unable to perform the work skills essential to maintaining employment in the previous job or usual line of work, and does not have other work skills which can be used to enter and maintain a job comparable in skill which is readily available locally, or in another area to which the individual is willing to relocate.</li> <li>2. Has not learned the work skills usually possessed by the average person of comparable age, education, and experience which can be used in employment which is readily available locally, or in another area to which the individual is willing to relocate.</li> </ol>

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