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# Department of Rehabilitation Announces Release of the New

# CalDOR Payment Card for DOR Consumers

SACRAMENTO—The California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), which provides employment and independent living services to people with disabilities, has released the CalDOR Payment Card (CPC), a new and streamlined payment option for eligible individuals with disabilities participating in vocational rehabilitation (VR) services. The new CPC card is the first of its kind in the nation and gives consumers the ability to purchase their pre-approved VR goods and services quickly, easily, and with dignity directly from merchants.

DOR consumers have been required to purchase pre-authorized items such as job placement clothing, work tools, textbooks and school supplies, tuition or training fees, and transit passes they need to meet their employment goals only from approved merchants using paper vouchers or checks. This significantly limited where and how DOR consumers could purchase the items needed to prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.

“We are thrilled to be the first vocational rehabilitation program in the country to simplify our service delivery for people with disabilities,” said DOR Director Joe Xavier. “With this card, our consumers can do something as routine as buy a book for school or tools for a training program either online or in a store quickly, and just like anyone else. It is another step towards ensuring that people with disabilities have equitable and inclusive access in all aspects of their lives.”

The DOR started the program with a soft launch in September, rolling out the CalDOR Payment Card to select consumers in the Napa area. The card has now been launched statewide with the goal of having 10,000 DOR consumers using the card in early 2023, with the overall goal to steadily increase up to 50,000 DOR consumers by June 30, 2023.

“This CPC Program is something that VR programs throughout the country have expressed interest in, and we are eager to provide a model that other states can easily replicate to enhance the level of support and services provided to their consumers,” said Director Xavier.

To learn more about the CalDOR Payment Card, visit the DOR [website.](https://dor.ca.gov/home/caldorpaymentcard)

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