Vocational rehabilitation services—Reader. (1) Reader services may be provided to an applicant, eligible individual, or participant when necessary to the provision of other vocational rehabilitation services.

(2) Reader services consist of orally reading to the blind individual print material which is not available through other appropriate modes of communication.

(3) If reader services are necessary beyond the initial stages of employment, the department shall, if desired by the individual, assist him or her to negotiate with the employer for reader services as a reasonable accommodation.

(4) Reader services shall be purchased in accordance with the department's procedures and shall be provided only after consideration of comparable services and benefits in accordance with WAC 67-25-283.