

Re-Employing Virginians Education Voucher
AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2020

<p>What is the Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Training Voucher?</p>	<p>In April 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Each state received CARES Act funds to address costs related to the public health emergency created by the pandemic, as well as to provide economic support to individuals suffering from unemployment due to COVID-19 business closures.</p> <p>Governor Ralph Northam has made available \$27M of Virginia’s Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide one-time Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Training Vouchers to Virginians whose jobs have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.</p>
<p>Who is eligible?</p>	<p>The signed brief from the Governor’s Office defines eligibility as follows:</p> <p><i>In order to be eligible for a training voucher as provided by this request, an applicant must have received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020, or must certify that they are working in a part-time job with an hourly wage under \$15 after losing a full-time job due to COVID-19.</i></p>
<p>Is an individual who works part-time eligible?</p>	<p>Yes, if the individual was laid off from a full-time job due to COVID-19 and is now working in a part-time job with an hourly wage under \$15.</p> <p>(DACA students and dual enrollment students are not eligible.)</p>
<p>How does an individual prove eligibility?</p>	<p>Individuals must self-certify their eligibility by signing a form attesting that they received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020, or they were laid off from a full-time job because of COVID-19 and they now working in a low-wage part-time job.</p> <p>(Additional verification of unemployment with the Virginia Employment Commission may be required.)</p>
<p>What does the REV Training Voucher pay for?</p>	<p>For qualifying students, the REV Training Voucher will be pay for tuition and fees for a short-term FastForward workforce program or for one semester of a credit workforce education program offered by Virginia’s Community Colleges.</p>

What training programs are eligible?	An individual may use the REV Training Voucher to enroll in a community college program designed to prepare him or her for work in any one of five essential and high-demand industries: technology/IT; manufacturing and skilled trades; healthcare; early childhood education; and public safety.
How much does the Training Voucher pay?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$1,500 toward the cost of the tuition and fees for enrollment in a short-term FastForward workforce program. • Up to \$1,500 toward the cost of tuition and fees for part-time enrollment (11 semester hours or less) in a credit workforce education program. • Up to \$3,000 toward the cost of tuition and fees for full-time enrollment (12 hours or more) in a credit workforce education program. <p>Please note that funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>
Does acceptance of a Training Voucher impact my unemployment benefits?	No, acceptance of the Training Voucher is a benefit that does not impact an individual’s unemployment benefits. The voucher is not considered income.
Is there a deadline for enrollment?	Yes. Funding for the REV Training Voucher will not be available after December 14, 2020. Therefore, interested individuals should contact their local community college right away in order to meet the enrollment and registration deadline.
Is REV Training Voucher available to students who enrolled in a community college this fall?	<p>Yes, an eligible student who is currently enrolled may receive a Training Voucher for new enrollment in classes that begin on or after October 29, 2020 and conclude by the end of spring semester 2021.</p> <p>Regardless of the class start date, students must enroll by December 14, 2020.</p>
Can an individual receive more than one REV Training Voucher?	No; these are one-time vouchers.
Does the education program have to begin before December 14?	The program begins when the student initiates the onboarding process. Regardless of the class start date, the college should advise, provide career counseling, enroll and register students, and post Training Voucher credits to students’ accounts prior to December 14.