

**10A NCAC 89C .0314 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

(a) Assistance in obtaining occupational licenses, tools, equipment, initial stocks and supplies may be provided to clients determined eligible for rehabilitation services. Occupational licenses, permits, or other forms of written authority required by state, county, city or other government units in order for clients to participate in employment may be included, but privilege licenses shall not be included. Occupational tools or other placement equipment and supplies, including livestock, may be provided to the extent necessary for suitable and practical placement of the client.

(b) The Division may assist in the purchase of computers if assistive technology is required by the client for purposes of augmentative communication, environmental controls, or when voice recognition or equivalent adaptive input devices are required for the individual to complete the IPE/IPIL.

(c) The Division shall not purchase upgrades or improved versions of assistive technology unless the progression of the individual's disability requires such an upgrade.

(d) Division assistance with software shall be limited to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) unless the software is required for the purposes outlined in Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

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