

NC DIVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Section:	V
Title:	Vehicle Purchases
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The Division of Services for the Blind (DSB) may contribute to the cost of an automobile under the following conditions and guidelines:

Automobile purchases are subject to the Agency's Financial Responsibilities/Economic Needs Requirement (On-Line DSB-4040-VR Economic Need Survey with instructions) needs test.

The program may pay an amount representing the down payment of the purchase price of an automobile for a needs eligible individual when an automobile is required to perform the job duties of the employment goal of the individual **and** the employment goal is at or above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The maximum allowable down payment will be 15% of the purchase price of the automobile. The purchase price will be established by the latest official data for the overall average automobile cost as defined by the Federal Trade Commission.

The vehicle should be titled to the individual.

In addition to the down payment, the program may purchase liability, collision, and comprehensive insurance for the initial period not to exceed six (6) months for the individual. License and title fees may also be authorized. The program will not be responsible for making monthly vehicle payments nor retain title to the vehicle.

When the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor submits the approved bills for these services to the Controllers Office the bill of sale for the automobile and a bill from the insurance company should accompany the required copies of the authorization Bill Invoice. The Controllers Office will issue checks to the appropriate vendors for these services.