

## About us

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The Social Integration State Agency (Agency) is direct governing institution under the supervision of the Minister of Welfare. Minister implement the supervision of the Agency through the Ministry of Welfare.

The aim of the Agency is to promote the social integration of people with disabilities and persons with functional disorders, to provide access to vocational rehabilitation and to vocational secondary or first-level vocational higher education.

## History

The creation of the Agency was started by the "Republican Rehabilitation Centre" (RRC), founded in 1991, aimed at vocational training and re-training of disabled people, providing medical, social education, psychologist and medical assistance, as well as leisure facilities.

In 1992 the Ministry of Welfare and specialists of the Hamburg Centre for Residential Training jointly developed a concept regarding the establishment of a vocational rehabilitation centre for persons with disabilities in Latvia. Thus in Latvia was started the establishment of a vocational rehabilitation system, which is typical in Germany and Austria - centralised and specialised institutions with national or regional importance. A vocational rehabilitation centre was built. In September 1992 40 students started training in specialities - electronic equipment technician and commercial business worker. In 2002 the name of the "RRC" was changed to "College RRC".

At the time the State undertaking "Health centre "Jaundubulti"" (founded on 3 March 1986 as a sanatorium), was also located in Jūrmala. "Health centre "Jaundubulti"" provided social rehabilitation services financed by the State (medical baths, medical showers, physical therapy, massage, physiotherapist, ergotherapist, psychologist etc.). On 15 April 2004 the State Agency "Social Integration Centre" was established by a joint of two institutions - "College RRC" and "Health centre "Jaundubulti"", promoting social integration of disabled persons and persons with disabilities as an operational objective. On 12 April 2008 the name of the State Agency was changed to the Social Integration State Agency.

## 2020

On 1st January the new Cabinet regulations come into force (03.12.2009. No.578 "Regulations regarding the receipt of a social service from State budget resources in a social rehabilitation institution"), which determines the procedures for granting and provision of a social rehabilitation service regarding State budget funds. The aim of new regulation is to provide a descendent and timely rehabilitation service for improving the working capacity of the persons.

## 2019

Director of Agency - I.Jurševska - received the award "Mūsu darbinieki" ("Our Workers") because of the creating of an inclusive working environment and for the diversity management in the Agency.

In the conference "Celmlauzis" organised by the State Chancellery for state and municipality employees, Agancies ESF project No. 9.1.4.1/16/l/001 „Integration of people with disabilities or mental disorders into labour market and society” was acknowledged as significant innovation that has had an impact on the development of the Agency.

## 2018

In January in Jūrmala Vocational Secondary School are launched skills training programmes, which was developed under the

ESF project No. 9.1.4.1/16/I/001 „Integration of people with disabilities or mental disorders into labour market and society”.

To promote customer health improvement, in April was set 5 new health promotion programs:

- Back health course;
- Relaxation;
- Vitality;
- Body detox course;
- Restart Your workforce.

In June was installed high flower beds to educate customers about the principles of ergonomics and joint protection in gardening activities.

In August was concluded a cooperation agreement with the RSU for further cooperation in the field of education and science.

In order to provide Agency staff with more sophisticated customer skills testing capabilities, was acquired the method Melba&Ida of assessing persons working capacity.

## 2017

In May Agency in cooperation with the State Employment Agency started the implementation of the ESF project No. 9.1.1.1/15/I/001 „Subsidised jobs for the unemployed” supportive measure „Vocational Aptitude Assessment”. In the framework of which a vocational aptitude assessment for the long-term unemployed with disabilities or anticipated disability, long-term unemployed with mental disabilities or long-term unemployed, who have received a recommendation to carry out the Vocational Aptitude Assessment within the framework of a health examination measure, is carried out.

5 new vocational rehabilitation education programmes were licensed in May:

- document management clerk;
- florist;
- gardener;
- warehouse employee;
- carpenter's assistant.

In the 30th year of existence of Agency, was made the common symbol of the institution - the flag (its author A.Dzenis). In the flag, the blue symbolizes credibility, permanence and determination. Green symbolizes ecology and peace. In the centre of flag, the man made Star sign symbolises the victory of light over the realm of darkness.

## 2016

In order to give students and learners of Agency schools more opportunities to communicate with each other, were established leisure facilities and computer class in Amulas street 6.

In May, the ESF project No. 9.1.4.1/16/I/001 „Integration of people with disabilities or mental disorders into labour market and society” was started to improve the vocational rehabilitation system by promoting access to service for people with severe disabilities (disabilities group I and disabilities group II) and people with mental disabilities.

Was created the Sensoral Trail to provide the social rehabilitation service recipients with the opportunity to feel the beneficial health effects of foot massage.

## 2015

In order to develop a rehabilitation service for people with disabilities from 1st July, Agency is a member of the international professional association "The European Platform for Rehabilitation".

In order to support Agency College students and Jūrmala Vocational Secondary School learners in finding places of practice and to help them find jobs after graduation, was opened a career counselling office.

## 2014

From 28th of May, the director of Agency is Ilona Jurševska.

In 29th of September was established an [Advisory Council](#) to find the effective, innovative and sustainable solutions for issues within the Council's competence.



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## 2013

In the Jūrmala Vocational Secondary School was developed two new education programmes: "Material production technologies and products manufacturing" and "Technologies of sewn products manufacturing" with qualification "Auxiliary seamstress".

12 education programmes accredited in Jūrmala Vocational Secondary School:

- vocational secondary education programmes – Computer systems with qualification "Computer System Technician" and Commercial Sciences with qualification "Commercial Employee of Industry";
- vocational education programmes – Catering services with qualification "Cook", Electrical equipment and electronics with qualification "Electrical equipment assembler" and Accounting with qualification "Accountant";
- vocational primary education programmes – Catering services with qualification "Cook's assistant", "Technologies of sewn products manufacturing" with qualification "Auxiliary seamstress" and Commercial Sciences with qualification "Trade room employee";
- continuing vocational education programmes – Household with qualification "Laundry washing and ironing", Accounting with qualification "Accountant" and Computer using with qualification "Data entry operator";
- vocational development education programmes – Material manufacturing technologies and manufacture of products "Imprint technologies".

## 2012

Was started the coordination of long-term social care and social rehabilitation rows and coordination of social rehabilitation for addicted adults and children, and coordination of social rehabilitation for victims of trafficking.

Developed and licensed 2 new education programmes in Jūrmala Vocational Secondary School - Commercial Sciences with qualification "Trade room employee" and Household with qualification "Laundry washing and ironing".

In the framework of ERAF project in Slokas Street 61 was created two electronics classrooms and one practice room - Laundry.

In the framework of KPFI project warming of the premises of service hostel was carried out, but in the Dubultu prospekts 71 was carried out solar collectors installation for hot water preparation.

## 2011

In order to improve the quality and accessibility of educational services, the adaptation of five educational programmes ("Marketing and Taxes", "Human resource", "Accounting and Taxes", "Management of hotel services" and "Commercial Sciences", qualification "Commercial Employee of Industry") was carried out to the needs of the distance learning process.

In order to improve the environment, renovation of the building on Slokas Street 68 (warming of the building, changing windows, floorings and ventilation systems, renovating 6 sanitary units), expanding and adapting the teaching kitchen and canteen for persons with disabilities.

## 2010

Improved video conferencing and distance learning system "Moodle", which ensure the exchange of communications and materials between teachers and learners in the e - environment.

In Dubultu prospekts 71 has been carried out a room renovation, resulting in 60 new numbers of which 22 numbers are adapted to persons with different functional disorders - motion disorders, hearing and visual disorders. Water healing, medicated baths and underwater massage procedures premises has been equipped with stationary hoists allowing the provision of services without restriction to persons with severe mobility disorders, also has been improved working conditions for medical staff, avoiding weight lifting overloads.

Has been purchased new Medical equipment and has been started new physical therapy services: salt therapy, steam bath, lymphodrainaging boots, sling therapy and gym.

Was started rehabilitation services for National Armed Forces soldiers after mission.

## 2009

Was carried out reconstruction work on Slokas street 68 in which was made the ramp for clients in wheelchairs. In the service hotel has been repaired 27 rooms, including 20 premises were adapted for persons in wheelchairs.

## 2008

From 12 of April the name of State Agency "Social Integration Centre" has been changed to Social Integration State Agency.

## 2006 - 2007

Established support points in Latvia.

## 2005

Together with 11 national and 5 foreign partners, Social Integration Centre launches EQUAL project "Promoting the employment of disabled persons".

## 2004

Combining the College RRC and State health centre "Jaundubulti", was created the State Agency "Social Integration Centre".

## 2003

Accredited all study programmes and College in general.

## 2002

Name change - College RRC.

## 2001

In collaboration with Jūrmala City Council, reveals the Daily Centre for persons with mental disorders.

## 2000

Opening a new Training building in Dubulti, Slokas street 61.

## 1999

RRC participates in the European Union Phare programme "Business Education Reform in Latvia" implemented by the Ministry of Education and Science and launches the implementation of College programmes.

## 1998

RRC starts to implement education programmes in distance learning.

## 1995

Opening a new Training building in Dubulti, in the presence of the Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Federal Republic of Germany dr. N.Blūms and Minister of Welfare of the Latvia - A.Bērziņš.

## 1992

Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia and Minister of Labour and Social Security of the Federal Republic of Germany signed a contract regarding assistance in establishing a representative vocational rehabilitation centre in Latvia. RRC opens two specialities training classes in Ķemeri.

## 1991

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia took a decision No. 252 on the establishment of a Rehabilitation Centre for the Republic (RRC).

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