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History

- 1991 - Mrs Regina Simsone becomes a director of the newly established Rehabilitation Centre
- 1992 - trainers and teachers' study visit to the Hamburg Vocational Rehabilitation Centre; first 40 trainees commence their vocational training
- 1993 - the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry of Germany and Latvian Welfare ministry signs the Contract regarding the collaboration in the field of professional rehabilitation
- 1995 - the Centre opens a driving school for people with movement disorders and starts the car adaptation for people with disabilities
- 1996 - the Centre starts the provision of tests of professional adequacy
- 1998 - the Centre launches College level programmes
- 2004 - the Centre is merged with the Jaundubulti State Health Centre and becomes the Social Integration State Agency.



Main functions

- To keep and update the register of disabled people who need professional rehabilitation
- To provide professional rehabilitation services
- To offer vocational, vocational secondary, professional and college level training programmes and prepare specialists who can provide social care services
- To keep and update the register of people who need social rehabilitation services
- To provide social rehabilitation services, including medical treatment



Professional rehabilitation

Professional rehabilitation — a set of activities that ensure the acquisition of a new profession, professional knowledge or skills, according to the type of level of functional disorders of a person and taking into account his/her previous education and professional qualification

Beneficiaries of professional rehabilitation - disabled people who have the recommendation from The State Medical Commission for the Assessment of Health Condition and Working Ability



Professional rehabilitation consists of

- Professional adequacy and job simulation tests
- Training programmes
- Psycho-social assistance
- Providing assistance in placement and job finding
- Driving lessons and car adaptation for people with disabilities



Professional Adequacy and Job Simulation Test

Duration: up to 2 weeks depending in the applicant's health condition, type of disability, interests and motivation

Applicants are provided with services of:

- Psychologists
- Social workers
- Doctors
- Occupational therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Carer consultants
- Vocational trainers and tutors



Steps of Professional Adequacy and Job Simulation Test

- An individual interview to establish the applicant's motivation to study and his/her professional interests
- To determine if the health status of the applicant complies with the chosen profession
- To define the learning ability (comprehension and understanding skills, ability to remember new information)
- Test of Latvian language skills
- Simulation of practical jobs to establish specific skills linked to the potential profession professional
- Create an individual recommendation for the acquisition of professional training



Jurmala Vocational School

qualifications

- Cook assistant
- Cook
- Pastry Cook
- Domestic Servant
- Chambermaid
- Accountant
- Bookkeeper
- Retail specialist
- Wholesale specialist
- Hospitality specialist
- Electronics assembler
- Computer Systems Technician



Jurmala Vocational School

number of trainees (2011/2012)

- Trainees in total - 246
- Trainees with disability - 127
- Trainees in first course - 79



Assistance in job finding

- Collection of information regarding placements and jobs available
- Job simulation training and practice
- Negotiation with potential employers

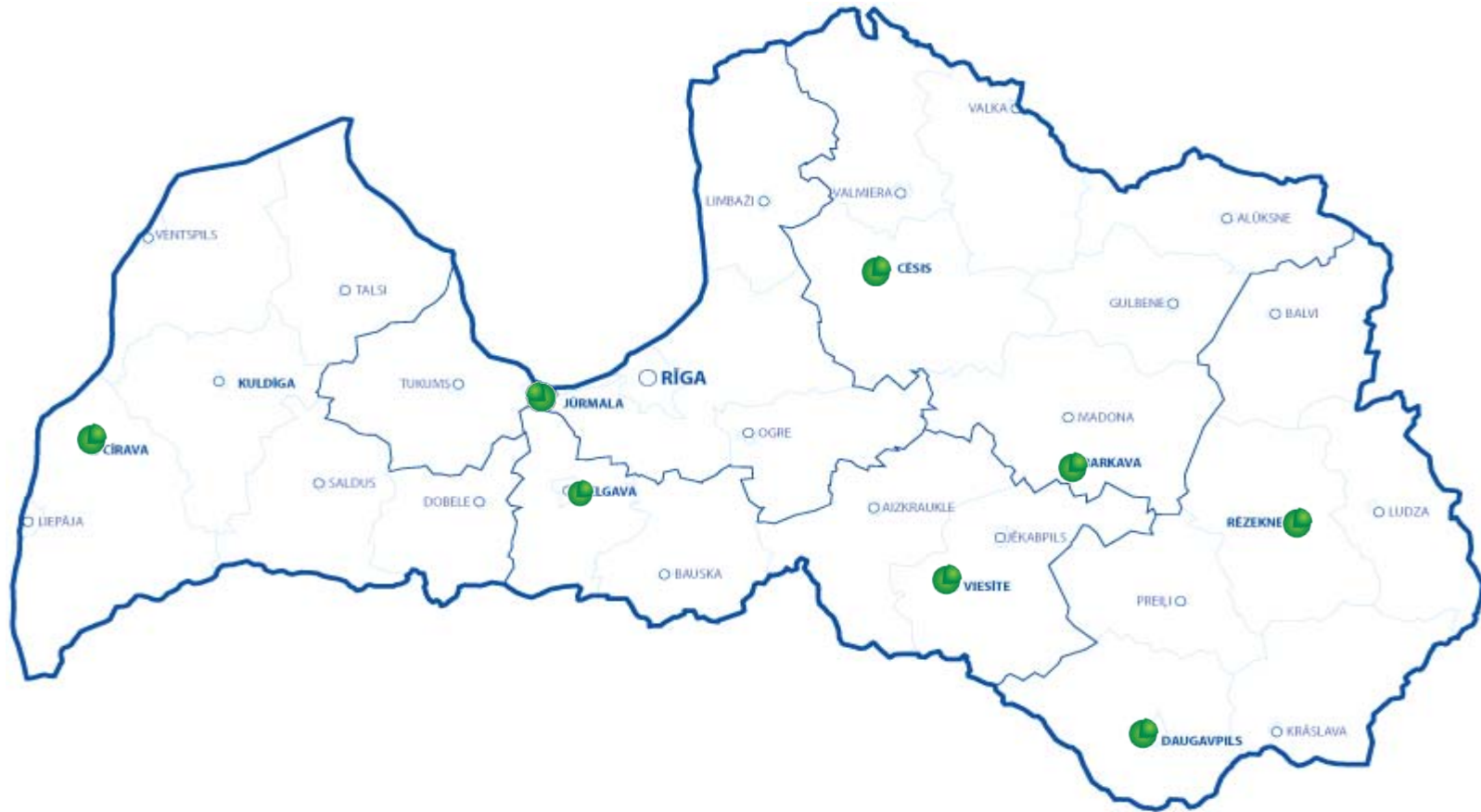


Partners for job stimulation and practices

- LEXEL FABRIKA Ltd
- Rimi Latvija Ltd
- Maxima Latvija Ltd
- Joint Stock Company Fenikss
- Joint Stock Company BalticOvo
- Joint Stock Company Liepajas metalurgs etc.



A network of support centres



Tasks of the network of support centres

- To collect the information regarding disabled people who are in the able-bodied age
- To inform people with disabilities regarding the services available at the Social Integration State Agency
- To provide the professional adequacy tests
- To motivate people with disabilities for further studies and/or employment
- To investigate the regional labour market
- To provide professional training
- To assist disabled people in placement and job finding



Driving school and car adaptation

- Issuing conclusions on necessity to adapt the car
- Theoretical and practical instruction ("B" level driving licence)
- Car adaptation for people with disabilities



Thank you!

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