

## **Statement for Vocational Expert Website re updates to Vocational Expert Handbook**

We have updated the Vocational Expert (VE) Handbook to address the implementation of the [regulation](#) regarding “Removing Inability to Communicate in English as an Education Category.” We will remove consideration of the “Inability to Communicate in English” from the adult disability process beginning on June 27, 2020. This education category has been found to no longer be useful in measuring the vocational impact of an individual’s education, because the national economy and workforce have changed significantly since the agency adopted the category more than 40 years ago.

The updates to the VE handbook include the revisions to the grid rules, the education category definitions, and the definition of illiteracy. The VE handbook was also updated to reference Social Security Ruling [20-01p](#), which provides additional guidance on how to assess a claimant’s education using the remaining four categories of education.