

Pre-Employment Transition Services and Vocational Rehabilitation

Key Messages

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services are available to students enrolled in school. The focus of these services is competitive integrated employment. While Pre-ETS is for eligible students during high school, VR services can help those who have exited school who need still need help with job exploration, placement, or advancement.

What is the difference between Pre-Employment Transition Services and Vocational Rehabilitation?

- Pre-ETS is funded by VR and is offered to transition age youth during a student's high school career. These services are intended to prepare youth aged 14 to 22 for postsecondary education or employment.
- VR is a state agency that works with anyone with a barrier to employment to secure and keep competitive, integrated employment. A professional VR counselor works with individuals to devise an individualized employment plan to help them identify and achieve their career goals.

Some similarities:

1. Free Services.

Both Pre-ETS and VR services are available to qualified students at no cost to the participant. Federal and state funding provides support for individual employment plans and other services.

2. Collaborative Effort.

In each case, key players work together to help students succeed. Pre ETS and VR can work alongside school staff and families to support individuals in reaching their employment goals.

3. Getting Connected.

Students enrolled in a public school can contact their teacher or special education services to get connected to either Pre-ETS or VR. After leaving high school, youth can contact VR or other local disability service providers directly to learn more about their services.

4. Individualized Services.

From job skill development to career exploration to job placement, both Pre-ETS and VR offer unique and individualized employment related services tailored to the needs, interests, and talents of participants.

Resources

- ✓ [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- ✓ [Pre-Employment Transition Services Forms](#)
- ✓ [Pre-ETS Basics](#)

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