

VA VR&E TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE

TOOLS TO SUPPORT YOUR TRAINING. INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE.

CHAPTER 31 VR&E CAN PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES YOU NEED FOR YOUR REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, OR EMPLOYMENT GOAL.

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WHAT IS A VR&E TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE?

VR&E (Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment) can provide the technology and equipment you need to successfully complete your program and achieve your vocational goal.

Federal regulation allows VR&E to supply books, tools, supplies, and equipment that are necessary to complete your rehabilitation plan.
38 CFR § 21.6210

WHAT VR&E PAYS FOR

- Equipment and supplies necessary for your rehabilitation plan, education, or employment goal.
- Items may be provided upfront or reimbursed after approval.
- Not just what's on your school's list – if it's needed for your success, it may be approved.
- Both standard and specialized equipment may be authorized.
- Ergonomic equipment may be approved with medical documentation.

STUDENT LOAN DISCHARGE (TPD)

- If you have a VA disability rating of 100% (P&T) or
- Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU), you may be eligible for
- a Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge of your federal student loans through the U.S. Department of Education.

TPD STUDENT LOAN DISCHARGE INFORMATION

IMPORTANT:

All items must be determined necessary for your program and approved by your VR&E Counselor before purchase (unless emergency purchase is authorized).

COMMON ITEMS INCLUDED IN A TECHNOLOGY PACKAGE

1. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT



- Laptop (most common)
- Desktop computer (if justified)
- Monitor (single or dual if needed)
- Docking station
- Keyboard (wired/ergonomic)
- Mouse (wireless/ergonomic)
- Webcam
- Headset w/ microphone
- Speakers (if required)
- External hard drive or SSD
- USB hub / adapter
- Laptop bag or carrying case
- Misc. tapes, apparel based on your program requirements

2. PRINTING & SCANNING



- Printer (inkjet or laser)
- All-in-one printer (print, scan, copy, fax)
- Ink or toner
- Printer paper
- Scanner (if not all-in-one)
- Extra ink/toner (initial supply)

Necessary for assignments, exams, and program materials.

3. NETWORKING / INTERNET



- Wi-Fi router (if needed)
- Wi-Fi adapter
- Ethernet cable
- Internet modem and/or service (may be approved if required for training & no other affordable options exist)

Reliable internet is essential for online learning.

4. OFFICE SUPPLIES



- Pens, pencils, highlighters
- Notebooks, legal pads
- Binders, folders
- Sticky notes, index cards
- Calculator (scientific if needed)
- Planner / calendar
- Shredder

Basic supplies to keep you organized and on track.

5. ERGONOMIC EQUIPMENT



- Ergonomic office chair
- Sit-to-stand desk
- Keyboard tray
- Ergonomic keyboard
- Vertical mouse
- Footrest
- Wrist rests / arm supports
- Anti-glare monitor screen
- Task lighting

*Requires medical documentation showing necessity.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

May be approved based on your field of study and program requirements.

IT / COMPUTER SCIENCE
- High-spec laptop/desktop
- Additional RAM / SSD
- Programming software
- External monitor(s)
- Cybersecurity tools
- Virtualization software

GRAPHIC DESIGN / ARTS / MEDIA
- Hardbook (when required)
- Pen + Apple Pencil
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Drawing tablet
- Color-accurate monitor
- Design software

ENGINEERING / CAD
- Powerful workstation
- CAD software
- 3D modeling software
- Scientific calculator
- Large format monitor
- Additional monitors

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO
- DSLR / Mirrorless camera
- Tripod / Monopod
- Lighting equipment
- External mic
- Video editing software
- Memory cards / drives

HEALTHCARE / ALLIED HEALTH
- Stethoscope
- Lab coat / scrubs
- Medical equipment
- Nursing kit
- Reference books
- CPR / First Aid kit

ITEMS VR&E USUALLY WON'T BUY

- Gaming computers or consoles
- Top-tier MacBooks without program requirement
- Large TVs or home entertainment systems
- Gaming accessories
- Smart home devices (Alexa, Echo, etc.)
- Decorative furniture, rugs, or wall decor
- Expensive upgrades that aren't necessary
- Items not tied to your rehab plan or coursework

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

- Provide your course syllabus or school tech requirements
- Get a letter from your professor (if specialized equipment is needed)
- Include medical documentation for ergonomic items
- Explains how each item is necessary for your vocational goal
- Submit detailed quotes or product links
- Work with your counselor – communication is key!

EXAMPLES OF COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGES

STANDARD ONLINE STUDENT PACKAGE
- Mid-to high-performance laptop
- 24" external monitor
- Wireless keyboard & mouse
- Webcam & headset
- All-in-one printer
- Router & internet (if needed)
- Office supplies
- Laptop bag



Estimated Value: $1,500 – $2,500+

ERGONOMIC UPGRADE PACKAGE
- Ergonomic sit-to-stand desk
- Ergonomic office chair
- Monitor + sit-stand desk
- Ergonomic keyboard & vertical mouse
- Footrest & wrist rests
- Anti-glare screen & task light



Additional Value: $800 – $2,000+

SPECIALIZED PROGRAM PACKAGE
- High-performance workstation
- Dual monitors
- Specialized software
- Industry-specific tools
- External storage
- Professional accessories



Value Varies: $2,000 – $5,000+

REMEMBER

- Everything must be necessary for your rehabilitation plan.
- Get approval BEFORE you buy.
- Keep all receipts and documentation.

EXAMPLE REQUEST LIST

- High-performance laptop
- 24-27" external monitor
- Docking station
- Wireless keyboard & mouse
- All-in-one printer
- External hard drive (1TB+)
- Webcam & headset
- Router / internet service
- Ergonomic office chair
- Electric sit-to-stand desk
- Footrest
- Wrist rests
- Anti-glare monitor screen
- Task lighting
- Office supplies



VR&E IS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED!

Your technology package is an investment in your education, your independence, and your future career.
Communicate with your counselor, provide strong documentation, and make your case for what you need to thrive.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION Talk to your VR&E Counselor or visit: benefits.va.gov/vocrehab

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