

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and the DVR Waitlist

What Students and Families Need to Know

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) helps students with disabilities prepare for life after high school. Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) help students explore interests, learn workplace skills, and build confidence for their future.

About the DVR Waitlist (Order of Selection)

Currently, DVR doesn't have enough funds to serve everyone who applies. When this happens, DVR uses a waitlist called Order of Selection, which helps make sure applicants with the highest needs are served first.

Some of What Students Can Still Receive While on the Waitlist

- Group Pre-ETS workshops and activities.
- Pre-ETS already started before entering the waitlist.
- Approved Work-Based Learning (WBL) experiences.

Two Ways Students Can Receive Pre-ETS

1. Before Applying for DVR (Potentially Eligible Students):

- Start Pre-ETS by signing the Pre-ETS Approval Form (Ask the school or contact DVR) no DVR formal application needed.
- A great way to begin exploring careers and skills early while still in school.

2. After Applying for DVR Services (If determined Eligible):

- With the support of a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, students may receive individualized Pre-ETS that match their goals.
- Examples: job exploration, self-advocacy, work-based learning.

How to Get Started

- Talk with your school transition staff or Regional Transition Consultant (RTC) about local Pre-ETS options.
- Start a Pre-ETS activity now—no DVR application required, just an Approval Form.
- Apply for DVR Individualized services, when ready and while in school.

Need Help?

Locate your RTC here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr/regional-transition-consultants>

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