

# 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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