

# Q&A About DVR Services After High School

Services through the Hawai'i Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) are varied and individualized for each person receiving services. Here are some questions and answers for participants and families to better understand DVR services and their Individual Plan for Employment (IPE).

**Q:** How long can I work at a temporary work-based learning job site - either paid or unpaid?

**A:** Each temporary work-based learning site is up to 120 hours, unless an extension has been approved by your DVR counselor.

**Q:** If I get a work-based learning, paid temporary job, who pays me for my work experience?

**A:** The Community Rehabilitation Provider (CRP) becomes your employer, and you will fill out hiring paperwork with them.

**Q:** How much money will I earn at a temporary work-based learning job site?

**A:** At least minimum wage, or the same wage as others doing the same job at the same work site.

**Q:** Can I be enrolled in more than one CRP?

**A:** Yes. Talk with your DVR counselor to learn what each CRP can offer.

**Q:** Can DVR pay for college classes or other vocational trainings or schools?

**A:** Yes. As long as your employment goal needs a certificate, college degree or other kind of training to attain it and your DVR counselor approves it. In the IPE, it is listed as Training Services and can be done at the same time as VWATS or Supported Employment, or by itself.

**Q:** If I move from one island to another, will my DVR services follow me?

**A:** Yes! Your DVR counselor will transfer your case to the island where you are moving and you will sign up for a new CRP.

**Q:** What does a job coach do?

**A:** They help you with your work-readiness skills, can assist you to create or update your resume and fill out applications, practice interview skills, and support you while working on the job.

**Q:** What does it mean "may" need a job coach?

**A:** Not everyone needs to have a job coach with them. Some might need someone to help them the first week, then the coach fades. Others may need support for a longer period of time. Talk to your CRP and DVR counselor if you feel you need a job coach, and for how long that service might last.

**Q:** I have a job coach. How long will I have them for?

**A:** If you are at a temporary work-based learning job site, the coach will stay with you during the 120 hours of work. Then they will resume working with you for your VWATS training.

**A:** If you are hired by a company, the coach will stay with you until after you have completed their probationary period. Once you and your new employer feel you are stable, the job coach will fade and eventually stop.

**A:** If you are working under supported employment (SE), the coach can stay with you for several months, as needed.

**Q:** If my DVR case is closed and I reapply to DVR, do I have to fill out the 20 page application again?

**A:** No, there is an expedited process for those who have been eligible for DVR in the past. Some parts of the application may need to be updated due to interests, skills and experience.