

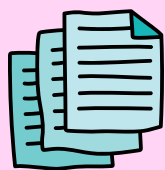
DVR Services in Hawaii DOE

The Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) partners with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) through the IEP process, to provide a variety of student trainings like work-place readiness, benefits counseling and self-advocacy training, along with work-based learning opportunities, both paid and unpaid, during the school year or summer break.



Starting at Age 14

- 1) When your child turns 14, the IEP will include a statement about their transition needs, like classes or trainings to take.
- 2) Ask the school to invite DVR to your next IEP meeting. This can happen at any age before the child exits high school, but earlier the better.
- 3) Fill out the 2-page DVR application for Pre-ETS services. Your child's care coordinator can help fill out the form and turn it in to the DVR counselor. Pre-ETS can start as early as 14 years.



Apply for Full DVR Services

Starting as soon as 14 years old, you can apply for full DVR services for your child. This is a longer, 22 page application that will document their disability and the need for supports in the DVR program. With full DVR, services like job coaching, vocational & technical training & benefits counseling can be provided. They can also cover job-related expenses like equipment, uniforms and college.



Work-Based Learning

Starting at age 16, students can begin valuable on-the-job training that is provided by the school, on or off campus, or by their CRP provider. This training can be paid (minimum wage or higher) or unpaid. For students on the certificate track, work-based learning can happen year around. For students on a diploma track, it is offered during the summer break.

The 5 Main Pre-ETS Services

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are provided by an outside agency contracted by DVR called a Community Rehabilitation Provider or CRP.

The 5 services are:

- 1) Job Exploration Counseling
 - 2) Instruction on Self-Advocacy
 - 3) Work Readiness Training
 - 4) Work-Based Learning Experiences
 - 5) Counseling on Post-Secondary Opportunities
- All students with an active IEP or 504 plan are considered "potentially eligible" for DVR and can receive these services, after they apply for Pre-ETS and are approved by a DVR counselor.



Starting at Age 16

- 1) The IEP will now include measurable goals for life after high school. These goals will include education & training, employment and independent living skills.
- 2) Work with the IEP team to fill out the transition page to include assessments for job exploration & skills, preferences, interests, needs & strengths (PINS), along with classes that support job interests and opportunities for work-based learning. Update this page annually or if things change.
- 3) Pre-ETS training continues. Discuss with your IEP team who will provide these services at school and what that will look like.
- 4) Your child can begin work-based learning opportunities, paid or unpaid, during the school day, after school or during breaks and summer.

