

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

Eligibility and Entitlement

Services that may be provided by the VR&E Program include:

- Comprehensive evaluation to determine abilities, skills, and interests for employment
- Vocational counseling and rehabilitation planning for employment services
- Employment services such as job-training, job-seeking skills, resume development, and other work readiness assistance
- Assistance finding and keeping a job, including the use of special employer incentives and job accommodations
- On the Job Training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences
- Post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school
- Supportive rehabilitation services including case management, counseling, and medical referrals
- Independent living services for Veterans unable to work due to the severity of their disabilities

Who is Eligible for VR&E Services?

Active Duty Servicemembers are eligible if they:

- Expect to receive an honorable or other than dishonorable discharge upon separation from active duty
- Obtain a memorandum rating of 20% or more from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and
- Apply for VR&E services

Veterans are eligible if they:

- Have received a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA
- Apply for VR&E services

Basic period of Eligibility

The basic period of eligibility ends 12 years from the date of notification of one of the following:

- Date of separation from active military service, or
- Date the veteran was first notified by VA of a service-connected disability rating.

The basic period of eligibility may be extended if a [Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor \(VRC\)](#) determines that a Veteran has a [Serious Employment Handicap](#).

To apply:

- Log in to your eBenefits account at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
- Select "Apply"
- Select "Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits"
- Apply for "Educational and Career Counseling"

- If it is determined that you are eligible, you will be invited to attend an orientation session at the nearest [VA Regional Office](#)

If you do not have access to eBenefits you may:

- Open and Print [VA Form 28-8832](#)
- Complete and mail the form to your nearest [VA Regional Office](#) - Attention: Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
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