

## What is vocational assistance?

Simply stated, we help people to get and keep jobs with a wide range of services. Because everyone is different, services are customized for each individual.

- Medical and Psychological Assessment
- Vocational Evaluation and Planning
- Career Counseling and Guidance
- Work-related Training and Education
- Worksite Assessment and Accommodations
- Job Matching
- Job Coaching
- Supported Employment
- Assistive Technology
- Short-term Medical or Psychological Services
- Driver Evaluations



## Contact DRS for more information

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### West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services

Enabling and empowering individuals with disabilities to work and to live independently

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## Prepare for your Future



## to transition from school to work



# It's your life — your employment goal



If you have a physical or mental condition (a learning disability, diabetes, vision loss, hearing loss ... ) that may limit your ability to get a job or to keep a job, we may be able to help you overcome those barriers to employment with assistance tailored to you.

You may have a disability if you have limitations in lifting, standing, driving, hearing, seeing, speaking, reading, math or writing.

## What is vocational transition?

The assistance we provide is a combination of work-related counseling and guidance tailored to each person's unique needs. The goal of this is to help students find their own best path from the familiar school environment to the world of gainful employment.



## What work choices will you make?

### Why DRS?

- We provide one-on-one service
- We help you achieve your work goals
- We help you realize the rewards of work: independence, reliable income and personal satisfaction
- We can help with continuing education in community rehabilitation programs, vocational schools, community and technical colleges, state colleges and universities.



### How much does this cost?

Most vocational assistance to eligible students is provided at no cost, but some related services may be covered by insurance or other funding sources. We help our clients to explore those options.

### Where to begin?

Contact us through a school counselor or school nurse, or call the DRS office that serves your county. Our district offices are listed on the back of this brochure. Want to know more? Check out our website at [wvdrs.org](http://wvdrs.org)!



### Do I meet the eligibility requirements?

You must want to work, and you must have some disability that could keep you from doing the work that suits you best. We try to identify students who need our services around 16 years old, or in the 11th grade. It's very important for students to participate with us in making their own plans for employment. We welcome family support, which can play an important role in success after graduation. We work with employers, too, to be sure that everyone agrees that the job you get is one that suits you well.