

Florida Division of Blind Services Pre-Employment Transition Services Fact Sheet



Florida Division of Blind Services (DBS) Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are the earliest set of services available for students with disabilities under the DBS VR program. DBS Pre-Employment Transition Services are designed to help students identify career interest, explore career options and/or post-secondary education opportunities.

DBS collaborates with high school students with bilateral eye conditions; their families; schools; and community service providers to support transition, beginning with Pre-Employment Transition Services. The central focus of Pre-ETS includes:

- ◇ Job exploration counseling
- ◇ Work-based learning experiences, which may include in-school or after school opportunities, experiences outside of the traditional school setting, and/or internships
- ◇ Counseling on opportunities for enrollment in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs
- ◇ Workplace readiness training to develop social skills and independent living
- ◇ Instruction in self-advocacy

The student's family, school staff & DBS providers may request Pre-ETS for the student and services can be provided in a group and/or an individualized setting. DBS helps youth with a successful transition from high school to college or the workforce.



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DBS Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Program

Who can participate? Students with a disability, ages 14 –21, who are currently enrolled in school, have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504. Both potentially eligible (PE) students, who have not applied for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services, and students with open VR cases can participate in Pre-ETS.

What is Pre-ETS? Pre-employment transition services are an early start at job exploration, work-based learning experiences, counseling on postsecondary educational programs, workplace readiness training and self-advocacy.

Where can a student apply? Contact a DBS office or request a referral from their local school. For information about Pre-ETS, contact DBS at [Florida Division of Blind Services Main Page \(myflorida.com\)](http://myflorida.com) & # (800) 342-1828.

When can a student start? Potentially eligible students may request service at any time and start receiving Pre-ETS services immediately.

Why should a student apply? DBS Pre-ETS helps students with disabilities advocate for themselves in the workplace and prepares them for employment and to gain real-world experiences.

Pre-ETS Includes:



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