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### Veteran Readiness and Employment orientation

The VR&E program (also called Chapter 31) provides support and services to Veterans and service members with service-connected disabilities. The program can help you:

- Transition back to civilian life
- Find employment, return to your former job, or start your own business
-  ▪ Get education or training for a professional or vocational field that's a good fit for you
- Get independent-living  services if you can't return to work right away

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### VR&E basic eligibility information

You can get up to 48 months of combined VA benefits. These benefits include:

- Education
- Careers and employment
- Housing

**Example:** If you already used 36 months of GI Bill benefits, you could get up to 12 months of VR&E benefits and services. This would equal a total of 48 months of combined VA benefits.



As a Veteran or service member, you're eligible for VR&E benefits and services within a 12-year period. This basic eligibility period starts on one of these dates, whichever comes later:

- The date you separated from active service, **or**
- The date you received your disability rating

**Note:** We may extend your basic eligibility period in certain cases.

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### VR&E process

Learn about the different stages of the process.

- 1 Orientation**
  - Complete VR&E orientation
- 2 Application**
  - Apply for VR&E benefits
  - We'll determine your eligibility and send you an appointment letter
  - Schedule your initial appointment with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC)
  - Complete a Rehabilitation Needs Inventory (RNI) and a CareerScope assessment
  - Gather any necessary materials, like your resume, transcripts, job certifications, and medical records
- 3 Entitlement determination**
  - Work with your VRC to assess your skills, aptitudes, abilities, and interests
  - Work with your VRC to identify entitlement criteria (an employment handicap or a serious employment handicap)
  - Your VRC will give you an entitlement determination and tell you about next steps 🗨️
  - Complete any tasks required for your next steps 📧
- 4 Services**
  - We'll help you with employment or independence 🗨️ living benefits and services for up to 18 months
  - Report your progress with training programs to your VRC
  - Get help with anything that may be blocking your participation in the VR&E program
- 5 Completion**
  - Gain the skills you'll need to find employment and stay employed, or improve your ability to live independently 🗨️
  - Meet monthly with your VRC and 📧 complete job logs during your job search
  - Tell your VRC when you accept a job

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### VR&E tracks

VR&E offers support and services to help you find and keep a job, and live as independently as possible. Your VRC will help determine which of these tracks best meets your needs:

- Reemployment
- Rapid Access to Employment
- Self-Employment
- Employment Through Long-Term Services
- Independent Living

Learn more about our support-and-services tracks by watching a series of short videos.

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### Reemployment track



The Reemployment track provides support to you and your employer so you can return to your former job. This track is for active-duty service members and members of the National Guard or Reserves. If you're in the Reemployment track, we'll:

- Work with your employer to figure out how they can best support you
- Recommend changes to your physical workplace that can help you succeed
- Help you get VA health care services
- Give you advice about your reemployment rights
- Provide case management

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### Rapid Access to Employment track



The Rapid Access to Employment track provides services that help Veterans start working right away. This track is right for you if you already have most of the skills you'll need for the type of job you want. If you're in the Rapid Access to Employment track, we'll help you:

- Find short-term training
- Get money to use toward housing and food (called subsistence allowance) 🗨️
- Find a job that works for your individual skillset and abilities
- Prepare for your job by learning about time management, good communication, and other skills
- Develop your resume
- Prepare for job interviews
- Search for a job
- Get support from the Department of Labor (DOL) to search for a job
- Connect with someone from VR&E after you've started working so we can assess how you're adjusting and if you need any further support 🗨️

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### Self-Employment track



The Self-Employment track provides services to Veterans and service members who have the skills to start a business and who have a disability that makes traditional employment difficult. If you’re in the Self-Employment track, we’ll support you with:

- Referrals to resources and guidance to help you develop a business plan
- An analysis of your business concept
- Training in small business operations, marketing, and finances
- Guidance on how to find resources to implement your business plan

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### Employment Through Long-Term Services track



The Employment Through Long-Term Services track provides Veterans with the counseling, training, and education they need to become suitably employed. If you're in the Employment Through Long-Term Services track, we can help you get:

- Apprenticeships and internships
- On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- Non-Paid Work Experience (NPWE)
- A part-time job through the work-study program
- College, vocational, or technical training
- Money to cover tuition, fees, books, and supplies
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- Personalized case management support
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## How do I know if this program is right for me?

Our online Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) orientation can help you decide if this program will provide the type of support you need. The orientation takes just 15 minutes to complete.

First, answer a few questions below to find out if you're eligible for VR&E. If you are, we encourage you to complete the orientation before you apply.

If you already know you want to apply for VR&E, you can go directly to the online application without answering the questions below. [Apply online with VA Form 28-1900](#)

Which of these describes you?

- ☒ Veteran
- ☐ Service member
- ☐ Neither of these

Did you receive a discharge status **other than dishonorable**?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have a service-connected disability rating of **10% or higher**?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Based on your answers, you probably qualify for VR&E benefits.

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