

Pre-Employment Transition Services

Pre-Employment Transition Services, often abbreviated as Pre-ETS, are services that help students with disabilities prepare for employment. In Ohio, these services are provided through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

What is pre-ETS?

Pre-ETS are services provided to transition-aged students with disabilities to help prepare them for adulthood. Pre-ETS are provided in five key areas:

- **Job Exploration Counseling:** identifying potential career paths
- **Work-based Learning Experiences:** hands-on exposure to real-world work environments
- **Counseling on Post-Secondary Education:** exploring options such as vocational training, community college, or universities
- **Workplace Readiness Training:** resume writing, interview prep, or communication skills
- **Self-Advocacy Training:** how to communicate needs or seek accommodations in the workplace

Students can take pre-ETS in just one area, or any combination of multiple areas. All services are provided free of charge.

Who qualifies for pre-ETS?

Any student with a qualifying disability, ages 14-21, qualifies for pre-ETS. This means that any student with a Section 504 plan or an IEP automatically qualifies. A student does not have to be eligible for OOD's other employment services to be eligible for pre-ETS services.

Who provides pre-ETS?

Only qualified providers can provide pre-ETS services. OOD will be able to connect you with a pre-ETS provider near you.

How to I apply for pre-ETS?

You can apply for pre-ETS through OOD's website at OODworks.org or by calling 800-282-4536. Your school can also apply for services for you if you ask.

What do I do if I can't get pre-ETS?

If you are a student on an IEP and 504 plan and aren't able to receive pre-ETS in one or more of the 5 categories of services, please contact Disability Rights Ohio. We can work with you to help you access these services.