

Disability Related Employment Supports

Disability Related Employment Supports (DRES) help Albertans overcome the disability-related barriers to their education, career and employment goals.

DRES can help in three ways:

1. Job-search supports

Job-search supports like sign-language interpreters, software rentals and technical device rentals may be provided to help Albertans with disabilities attend job-search workshops and job interviews.

2. Workplace supports

Workplace supports help Albertans with disabilities make successful transitions into the workplace and maintain their employment. Supports can include sign worksite modifications, sign-language interpreters or assistive technology to help the Albertan succeed at work.

3. Educational supports

Education supports can include sign language interpreters, tutors, and note takers. Assistive technology may also be provided, including software programs specific to their disability.

Eligibility

To qualify, the applicant must:

- Be an Alberta resident;
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or refugee under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;
- Be legally entitled to work/train in Canada;
- Have a documented permanent disability that creates a barrier to employment or education needed to obtain employment;
- Develop a plan that will lead to employment;
- Be employment-destined and be able to work at least 15 hours per week, earning minimum wage; and
- Not be eligible for other funding to cover the costs of these supports.

For more information:

Click humanservices.alberta.ca/DRES

Call 1-800-661-3753 toll-free
780-422-4266 in Edmonton

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