

Disability Related Employment Supports (DRES)

Program

- provides assistance to Albertans in addressing the barriers to education and employment created by their disability.

To qualify, potential clients must:

- have a disability that creates a barrier to employment or the education and training needed to obtain gainful employment
- develop a feasible investment plan that will lead to gainful employment
- be an Alberta resident
- be 18 years old or out of the public school system

DRES is offered in three areas:

Educational Supports

Educational supports involve assistance to learners preparing for employment through post-secondary education, basic skill training, academic upgrading, or training for work. Supports can include sign language interpreters, tutors, notetakers, readers, and student assistants. Assistive technology can also be provided, such as computers and software programs specific to the disability.

Job Search Supports

Job search supports such as sign language interpreters or rental of software and technical devices can be provided to assist an individual to attend job search workshops or job interviews.

Workplace Supports

Workplace supports assist individuals to make a successful transition to the workplace or to maintain employment during a disability related job crisis.

The supports may include a job coach, job mediator, mentor, or assistive technology. Assistive technology may include the purchase and set up of technology supports required to alleviate, reduce or remove a barrier to employment.

Employers wishing to modify the workplace to accommodate the needs of a disabled employee may receive the lesser of 50% of the cost of the modifications or \$10,000 per employee to a maximum of \$40,000.

To access this program or for more information:

Click: www.gov.ab.ca/hre/dres or
www.alis.gov.ab.ca/career/cs/abcareer.asp

Call: Career Information Hotline at
1-800-661-3753.
In Edmonton, call 422-4266.

Come in: Canada-Alberta Service Centres and Alberta Service Centres are located throughout Alberta. Call 310-0000 toll-free to reach the nearest centre.