

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

From your VSOC @ Saddleback College

- What is VR&E/Chapter 31?

The VR&E program helps Veterans and Servicemembers with service-connected disabilities and an employment handicap prepare for, obtain, and keep suitable jobs. It is authorized by Congress under Title 38 of the United States Code, Chapter 31. It is sometimes referred to as the Chapter 31 program.

- What does VR&E stand for?

Veteran Readiness and Employment. *VA's Chapter 31 has a new name!* Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service is now Chapter 31 **Veteran Readiness and Employment Service!**

- What has changed ?

- Name
- Logo and Tagline
- Content look and feel

- What has *not* changed?

- Support Services
- Application Process
- Eligibility Requirements

- What is a VSOC?

VSOC stands for Vet Success on Campus. Colleges and universities that partner with VR&E host a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, sometimes referred to as a **VSOC Counselor**. These counselors are available to provide informal career guidance, advice, and information and referral for all student Veterans and Servicemembers. ***VSOC Counselors are valuable resources to assist student Veterans and Servicemembers in successfully navigating through their academic program.***



- What is a VRC?

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, a professional who provides or coordinates a wide range of services that might include counseling, training, readiness, and employment services.



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- **What is Chapter 36?**

VR&E provides a wide range of education and career counseling to Veterans, Servicemembers, and eligible to or participating in a VA education benefit program. These services are authorized by Congress under Title 38 of the United States Code, Chapter 36. These services help the individual identify a career goal and choose an educational program to reach that goal. Counseling may also be provided to assist the student in overcoming barriers to academic success. Services include:

Career Choice - understand the best career options for you based on your interests and capabilities

Benefits Coaching - guidance on the effective use of your VA benefits and/or resources to achieve your education and career goals

Personalized Support - academic or adjustment counseling and personalized support to help you remove any barriers to your success

- **What does Eligible mean?**

A term applied to a Veteran or Servicemember who qualifies for is entitled to VR&E benefit based on a service-connected disability rating but whose employment handicap has yet to be determined.

- **What does Entitled mean?**

A term applied to a Veteran or Servicemember who meets the criteria to receive VR&E benefits based on a service-connected disability and an employment handicap.

- **What does SCD stand for?**

Service-connected disability. A disability that resulted from or was aggravated by an injury or illness while the Veteran or Servicemember was serving on active duty in the military.

- **Suitable employment?**

Employment that does not aggravate the Veteran or Servicemember's disabilities, is stable, and is consistent with his or her pattern of abilities, aptitudes, and interests.

- **Employment Handicap?**

An impairment of a Veteran or Servicemember's ability to prepare for, obtain, or retain employment consistent with his or her abilities, aptitudes, and interests. For Veterans within the 12-year basic period of eligibility and rated at 20 percent or more, a finding of employment handicap results in entitlement to VR&E services.

- **Serious Employment Handicap?**

A significant impairment of a Veteran or Servicemember's ability to prepare for, obtain, or retain employment consistent with his or her abilities, aptitudes, and interests. The SEH must result in substantial part from a service-connected disability. For Veterans rated at 10 percent and Veterans beyond their 12-year basic period of eligibility, the finding of a SEH is necessary to establish entitlement to VR&E services.