VA’s VR&E service gets a new name, services remain the same

The VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) service—often referred to as “voc rehab”—has undergone a name change intended to better reflect the needs of veterans. VR&E now stands for Veteran Readiness and Employment.

According to the VA, the new name, which includes readiness, is more in line with what service members and veterans already understand from their military service.

“The new name puts an emphasis on the veteran and the department’s mission to help them reach their employment goals,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “The service will also maintain the VR&E abbreviation, allowing it to remain identifiable.”

Veterans may receive VR&E services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development and job-seeking-skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist veterans who are starting their own businesses or who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

The VA said the new name reemphasizes their mission to encourage, promote and support transitioning and service-connected disabled veterans’ employment goals.

Find out more about the VA’s VR&E services—and more about the name change—at benefits.va.gov/vocrehab.