# Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manual C-1500: Business Enterprises of Texas

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## C-1502: Mandatory Requirements

The VR counselor and BET staff must verify that a customer is qualified to operate a vending facility.

To fulfill the mandatory prerequisites for BET certification, a customer must:

* be legally blind (that is, "having not more than 20/200 visual acuity in the better eye with correcting lenses or visual acuity greater than 20/200 but with a limitation in the field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees," as stated in Texas Labor Code §355.001(1));
* be at least 18 years old;
* reside or be physically present in Texas;
* be a US citizen; and
* successfully complete all BET assessment and training requirements to become a licensed BET manager.

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## C-1506: Role of the VR Counselor in the BET Process

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### C-1506-2: Diagnostics

The VR counselor obtains comprehensive diagnostics before referring a customer to the Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center's (CCRC) general training program with a BET focus. All diagnostic findings must indicate that the customer is capable of participating in the BET program.

The required diagnostics are as follows:

* A consultation with an employment assistance specialist
* An assessment made by the Vocational Diagnostic Unit (VDU). (VDU staff members understand BET requirements better than psychologists, who are not BET staff.)
* A minimum of two informational interviews with successful, licensed BET managers. (The VR counselor contacts the BET Training Specialist in Austin for a list of BET managers available for interviewing in the VR counselor's area).
* An orientation and mobility assessment

All VDU recommendations must be addressed before BET training begins.

In addition to the comprehensive diagnostics listed above, the following assessments are recommended:

* An assessment by the Assistive Technology Unit
* An assessment by a VR teacher
* A low-vision evaluation, if applicable
* An assessment of the customer's physical capability

If these assessments cannot be completed in the field, the VR counselor makes appropriate arrangements to have the assessments completed at CCRC.

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## C-1507: Role of the CCRC VR Counselor in the BET Process

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### C-1507-1: BET Facility Evaluation

The CCRC VR counselor must ensure that the customer's general training program with a BET focus includes a two-week work experience at a BET facility. The facility evaluation allows the customer to experience the work environment of a licensed manager and decide whether to participate in the program.

The licensed BET manager selected to conduct the customer's evaluation:

* instructs, assists, and observes the customer in all phases of the facility's operation;
* forwards weekly assessments of the customer's performance to the CCRC VR counselor; and
* reviews with the customer the results of the two-week assessment.

The BET manager is paid for providing the instruction and evaluation after:

* the CCRC VR counselor encumbers the funds; and
* the BET manager submits the assessment to the VR counselor.

If necessary, more than one location and more than one licensed manager is used for the customer's evaluation at the BET facility.

The evaluation may be terminated or extended after consultation with the CCRC VR counselor and approval from the BET training specialist.

A score of three or better on a scale of five is required to participate in the BET training program.

It is the responsibility of the counselor to review the application and determine if the applicant should be recommended for the BET program.

Once the customer has passed the final BET assessment and has successfully passed the selection panel interview, the VR counselor must ensure that the BET candidate has the appropriate equipment to participate in the BET training program prior to the training start date.

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