

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E) PROGRAM ORIENTATION

In this orientation we will discuss:

- The Mission and Goals of the VR&E program
- Who Qualifies for the VR&E Program
- The Different Types of VR&E Services

VR&E MISSION

The purpose (or mission) of the VR&E program is to provide services and assistance that will enable qualified veterans with service-connected disabilities to achieve, to the maximum extent possible, independence in daily living, and/or to obtain and maintain suitable employment.

VR&E GOAL

- The primary goal of the VR&E program is to make sure that each participant is able, to the maximum extent possible, to live independently or to obtain and maintain suitable entry-level employment.
- Your desires are always considered. The counselor, in partnership with you during the evaluation process, will establish **which services are necessary** to address your independent living or vocational needs.

QUALIFYING FOR THE VR&E PROGRAM

To qualify for the VR&E program it must be determined that:

- Vocational rehabilitation is required to help you overcome barriers you have to suitable employment, or
- Vocational rehabilitation is required to help you overcome barriers you have to independence in daily living, and
- Your counselor has determined that you may benefit from VR&E services

SERVICE OPTIONS

- **Re-employment:** Is for those returning to work who need services to maintain employment with their former employer.
- **Rapid Access Employment:** Is for those who seek employment and already have the necessary skills to be competitive in the job market in an appropriate occupation.
- **Self-employment:** Is for those for whom self-employment is the most reasonable option.
- **Employment through Long Term Services:** Is for those who need extended training and education to become suitably employed.

- **Independent Living:** Is for those veterans for whom achievement of a vocational goal is not currently possible or expected.

TYPES OF SERVICES OFFERED BY THE VR&E PROGRAM

Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Comprehensive vocational evaluation
- Counseling and case management
- Medical and dental treatment
- Training to prepare for employment
- Payment of tuition, books, supplies, and fees associated with the training
- Subsistence allowance to cover miscellaneous expenses while in training
- Placement assistance, including job seeking skills and resume development

VR&E CASE SUPPORT – WORKING WITH YOUR VA CASE MANAGER

Please remember that a program of VR&E services is a team effort. While we are here to assist you, rehabilitation cannot happen without **your** input and dedication. Both you and your VA case manager are responsible for completing all mutually agreed upon assignments in a timely manner and for keeping all appointments. You need to notify your case manager immediately of any changes in your current situation affecting your ability to participate in the evaluation process.

NEXT STEP(S)

You must complete a comprehensive vocational evaluation. The vocational evaluation will address:

- Vocational strengths and weakness
- Barriers to employment
- Whether you can successfully complete a vocational rehabilitation program
- Transferable skills
- Abilities, aptitudes, and interests
- Special needs or accommodations that may be needed
- Current jobs available in the local labor market

Veteran Signature

Date

Case Manager Signature

Date