

# Vocational Rehabilitation Services

## What is Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation is the process of helping an injured worker who is unable to return to their pre-injury job find other work or increase their employability. The WSCC offers referrals to Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services for eligible injured workers to help them gain skills to find a new job.

## How do I qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation services?

You may be referred to VR services if you are unable to return to your pre-injury work, or your employer prevents you from returning to work due to your work-related injury. If you are a seasonal or contract worker and able to return to your pre-injury work, but it is after the end of your normal work contract, you would not be entitled to VR services.

### The eligibility criteria to be referred to VR services through the WSCC are:

- ▶ You have a work-related injury that prevents you from returning to your pre-injury work, or employment that is comparable to your pre-injury work.
- ▶ You have a pre-existing condition that complicates your work-related injury, and this prevents you from being able to return to your pre-injury work, **OR** your pre-injury employer prevents you from returning to your previous work, or other suitable work with your employer.
- ▶ You are left with an impairment after you have recovered but your employer has not provided a return to work plan, **OR** your health care provider says that ongoing exposure to conditions in your previous work could cause a recurrence or significant aggravation of the work-related injury, or impairment.

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