**Are Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Services Available to Incarcerated Veterans?**

VR&E defines an incarcerated Veteran as any Veteran who is incarcerated in a Federal, state, or local prison, jail or other penal institution for a felony. It does not include Veterans who are pursuing a rehabilitation program under Chapter 31 while residing in a halfway house or participating in a work-release program in connection with the Veteran’s felony conviction. (CFR 21.276)

M28, Part IV, Subpart viii, Chapter 3 discusses both services that are and are not available to incarcerated Veterans. To receive services under Chapter 31, the Veteran must be actively participating in a rehabilitation program. The Veteran must be able to keep scheduled appointments, attend authorized training, and participate in required assessments or rehabilitation services.

* + The types of services an incarcerated Veteran may receive include:
    - medical care and treatment
    - payment of tuition, fees, books, supplies
    - reader service
    - tutorial assistance, and
    - any other educational expenses.
  + Services not available to incarcerated Veterans include:
    - no subsistence allowance should be authorized once a Veteran is incarcerated unless participating in a work-release program or residing in a halfway house, and
    - any subsistence allowance should be terminated if Veteran is incarcerated during the term
    - Employment Assistance Allowance is not available to those Veterans incarcerated in a Federal, state, or local prison, jail or other penal institution.