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| **PART IV. Evaluation, Entitlement and Rehabilitation Planning****Section B. Initial Evaluation and Entitlement** |
| **CHAPTER 4. VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION** |
| **Objectives:** | After completion of this training, a VR&E staff is expected to:• Understand the process for conducting a vocational exploration. * Identify the tools needed for selecting a Veteran’s vocational goal that is compatible with his or her disability conditions and is consistent with his or her interests, aptitudes and abilities.
* Understand the process for Fast Track planning and its limitations.
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| **Exercises:** | 1. Describe VR&E’s responsibilities for conducting a vocational exploration.
2. Define the process, required information, and documentation of the vocational exploration activities.
3. What is Fast Track planning? Describe the procedures. What are its advantages and limitations?
4. Describe the role of an Employment Coordinator in the vocational exploration.
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| **Rescission Information:** | Part IV rescinds the following M28 and M28-1 Chapters:M28, Part IV, Subpart iii, Chapters 1-7M28, Part IV, Subpart iv, Chapters 1-9M28-1, Part II, Chapters 2, 6, and 8The following VR&E Circulars and letters are also rescinded: |