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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. |
| **Contents:** | **Vocational Exploration**  a. Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Responsibilities  b. Vocational Exploration and Informed Choice  c. Documenting Vocational Exploration  1. Vocational Exploration  2. Suitability of Selected Vocational Goal  3. Type of Plan Developed  4. Justification for Selected Type of Plan  5. Description of How Vocational Goal Will Be Achieved and Planned Services  6. Retroactive Induction  7. Program Charges and Costs  8. Level of Approval  9. Level of Case Management Justification  10. Other Considerations  d. CareerScope Skills Assessment Portal  e. Other Sources of Information  f. Vocational Exploration Activities Support  g. Role of the Employment Coordinator (EC)  h. Using the Job Resource Lab (JRL)  i. Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)  j. Occupational Information Network (O\*NET)  k. Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT)  l. Social Networking  1. In-Person  2. Online  m. USAJOBS  n. Conducting Information Interviews  o. Labor Market Information  **Fast Track Planning**  a. Advantages of Fast Track Planning  b. Fast Track Planning Procedures  c. Fast Track Planning Limitations  d. Data Requirements |
| **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. |
| **Rescission Information:** | Part IV rescinds the following M28 and M28-1 Chapters:  M28, Part IV, Subpart iii, Chapters 1-7  M28, Part IV, Subpart iv, Chapters 1-9  M28-1, Part II, Chapters 2, 6, and 8  The following VR&E Circulars and letters are also rescinded: |