

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ROBERT J. MELODY and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Dorchester, MA

*Docket No. 99-1552; Submitted on the Record;
Issued December 15, 2000*

DECISION and ORDER

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly reduced appellant's monetary compensation benefits to zero effective February 1, 1998 on the grounds that he failed to cooperate with vocational rehabilitation efforts without good cause.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the Office hearing representative, dated and finalized January 25, 1999, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized January 25, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
December 15, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab
Alternate Member