

1. Purpose and Scope. BLBA PM Part 4 describes the rehabilitation services which are available to eligible miners and provides references to the authorities under which these services are available.
2. Authority. Section 39 of the LHWCA, which is incorporated by Section 422(a) into the FCMHSA, authorizes the provision of rehabilitation services to eligible miners.
3. Objective. The objective of vocational rehabilitation is the return of miners who are totally disabled for work in or around mines to gainful employment commensurate with their physical impairments (20 CFR 725.710).
4. Procedures. Each miner who has been determined entitled to receive benefits for his/her total disability under Part C of Title IV of the Act shall be informed by the OWCP of the advisability of vocational rehabilitation services. If such miner chooses to avail himself/herself or vocational rehabilitation, the miner's request shall be processed and referred by OWCP vocational rehabilitation advisors pursuant to the provisions of 20 CFR 702.501 - .508 (20 CFR 725.711).
5. DCMWC PM Coverage. Publication of Part 4 is reserved.