

Rule 6A-22.008 is amended to read:

6A-22.008 Reemployment Services and Programs.

(1) The Department shall approve sponsorship of reemployment services provided through an on-the-job training program, ~~vocational assessment~~, job placement or a training and education program when recommended in ~~and approved as part of~~ a Department reemployment plan.

(2) When the Department provides a vocational assessment or a vocational evaluation to the injured employee, the vocational assessment or vocational evaluation shall determine the reemployment services, such as are enumerated without limitation in Section 440.491(1)(f), Florida Statutes, necessary to return the injured employee to suitable gainful employment. The Department will approve and sponsor reemployment services if:

(a) The vocational assessment is completed by a qualified rehabilitation counselor or the vocational evaluation is completed by a vocational evaluator approved by the Department, as the case may be; and

(b) The vocational assessment is compliant with paragraph 6A-22.006(2)(d), F.A.C., or

(c) The vocational evaluation contains the information identified in paragraph 6A-22.010(2)(e), F.A.C., and

(d) The vocational evaluation demonstrates that the injured employee:

1. Has no transferable skills which would allow for return to suitable gainful employment with the same employer in the same, different or modified job or a new employer in the same, modified or different job; or

2. Requires additional Department sponsored reemployment services to enable the injured employee to return to suitable gainful employment.

~~The Department will approve and sponsor retraining services if:~~

~~(a) The vocational evaluation is completed by a Department approved vocational evaluator, and~~

~~(b) The vocational evaluation contains the information identified in paragraph 6A 22.010(2)(e), F.A.C.; and~~

~~(c) The vocational evaluation demonstrates that the injured employee:~~

~~1. Has no transferable skills which would allow for return to suitable gainful employment with the same employer, same job; same employer, different or modified job; new employer, same job; new employer, modified or different job; or~~

~~2. Requires additional Department sponsored reemployment services to enable the injured employee to return to suitable gainful employment.~~

(3) through (5) No change.

~~(6) The Department shall not sponsor reemployment services if the vocational evaluation does not recommend reemployment services.~~

Specific Authority 440.491(5), (6) FS. Law Implemented 440.491 FS. History-New 7-1-96, Amended 2-9-00, 6-26-01, Formerly 38F-55.011, Amended 3-1-05,_____.