

In subsections (a) and (c) of this section, the word "organizations" is deleted as included in the word "person". As to the definition of person, see § 1-101 of this article.

In subsection (a) of this section, the former phrase "on or before January 1, 1988" is deleted as obsolete.

Defined terms: "Commission" § 9-101

"Person" § 1-101

"Vocational rehabilitation services" § 9-669

9-672. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(A) IN GENERAL.

WHEN A COVERED EMPLOYEE IS DISABLED FROM PERFORMING WORK FOR WHICH PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED AS THE RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL INJURY OR AN OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE, THE COVERED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

(B) DURATION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING MAY NOT LAST FOR MORE THAN 24 MONTHS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 101, §§ 22(a) and 36(8)(c)(i) and (ii).

The Labor and Employment Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that it is unclear whether a covered employee who is disabled from performing work for which previously qualified as the result of a hernia or occupational deafness is entitled to vocational rehabilitation services under this section. The General Assembly may wish to consider clarifying whether this section applies to a covered employee who suffers from a compensable hernia or occupational deafness.

The Committee also notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the 24 months of vocational rehabilitation training do not have to be consecutive. The General Assembly may wish to consider clarifying that the 24 months do not have to be consecutive.

Defined terms: "Accidental injury" § 9-101

"Covered employee" § 9-101

"Occupational disease" § 9-101

"Vocational rehabilitation services" § 9-669

9-673. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PLAN.

(A) REFERRAL TO PROVIDER; OBTAINING PLAN.

THE COMMISSION SHALL: