

What Type of Assistance May Be Available Through BRRS?

- Job Placement Assistance
- Employability Skills Training
- Vocational Counseling
- Job Seeking Skills Training
- Job Analysis
- Job Modification
- On-the-Job Training
- Job Market Information
- Referrals to Other Agencies
- Training and Education

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How Can I Apply?

Contact the BRRS headquarters or office nearest you to apply for services, receive information on attending a general orientation, or to receive a private orientation.

BRRS Headquarters

(850) 245-3470

BRRS Area Offices

Tallahassee: (850) 245-3489

Panama City: (850) 747-5675

Pensacola: (850) 595-5500

Jacksonville: (904) 359-6101

Gainesville: (352) 955-2019

Cocoa: (321) 634-3598

Daytona Beach: (386) 254-3761

Orlando: (407) 245-0895

Sarasota: (941) 361-6021

St. Petersburg: (727) 570-3052

Tampa: (813) 930-7546

Ft. Myers: (239) 278-7092

West Palm Beach: (561) 837-5611

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Miami: (305) 377-5379

A Guide to Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services for



Injured Workers



What is the Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services?

The Bureau of Rehabilitation and Reemployment Services (BRRS) is a program within the Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. This program provides injured workers with the necessary reemployment services to return to suitable gainful employment.

Who is Eligible for Services?

If you are injured on the job in Florida, you may be eligible for bureau services. Eligibility is determined on a case by case basis.

However, all injured workers that come to the bureau can be provided reemployment services such as employability skills training, vocational counseling, selective job placement assistance, job seeking skills training, job analysis, job modification, job market information, and referrals to other job placement agencies.

To receive training and education, the individual must have a

permanent restriction as a result of the work injury.

How Does an Injured Worker Get Referred to BRRS?

An injured employee can contact the bureau to apply for services. The employer of an injured worker or an insurance carrier can also refer the person to BRRS. If referred to the bureau, the worker will be contacted for employability or job seeking skills training. In certain cases, vocational testing will also be done and labor market information will be provided to the employee.

How Does BRRS Determine Eligibility?

The bureau provides a general orientation and program overview for injured workers interested in obtaining reemployment services. In addition, the program conducts a screening for each applicant to determine whether he or she is entitled to a vocational evaluation or job placement services.

The screening process consists of:

- ◆ Review of all medical and vocational documentation to determine if the injured worker can perform duties of the pre-injury occupation.
- ◆ An interview with the injured employee.

Services provided during the screening process may include testing, medical records review, counseling, and early job placement assistance.

Individuals have the option of calling a local office or going online at www.wc-returntowork-vr.doe.state.fl.us/IEOrientation to take part in an orientation and program overview.



What Services Does BRRS Provide?

Authorized services vary depending on the needs of the individual. After an evaluation is completed, the bureau will determine if the injured worker is eligible for training and education.

If training or education is recommended, the bureau will pay for books, tuition, tools, uniforms, and any other necessary supplies.

Direct job placement services may also include employability skills training, job seeking skills training, job market information, or referrals to other job placement agencies.

How Much Do the Services Cost?

All bureau services are provided at no cost to eligible persons. If an injured worker requires immediate assistance with daily living expenses, the bureau may issue a referral to a community-based organization.

