

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION:

An International Perspective

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TERMINOLOGY:

“Vocational Rehabilitation” (VR) is also referred to as “Work-Oriented Rehabilitation” or “Occupational Rehabilitation”.

Internationally, the focus of vocational rehabilitation (VR) is to ensure that individuals can:



STAY AT WORK



**RETURN TO WORK
(RTW)**



FIND WORK

VR SERVICES ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR ADDRESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS IN THE WORKPLACE DURING THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING:



Addressing the rapidly changing workplace guidelines and labour market



Helping with participation in work with work-from-home or hybrid work models



Helping to address the physical and mental health concerns exacerbated by the pandemic



Assisting those participating in the welfare system



Embracing the benefits of digitization, including adapting and rethinking how services are accessed and delivered



Being unemployed can have negative impacts on health and well-being.

WHAT SUPPORTS A POSITIVE RTW?



Individualized plans to help support each unique situation



“Good work”, which is therapeutic and promotes recovery



Supporting a worker to stay at work in some capacity has the strongest chance of a positive outcome.

