

eligible child to prepare for and participate in vocational training or employment. A vocational training program may include a program of education offered by an institution of higher education only if the program is predominantly vocational in content.

VR&E refers to the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment activity (usually a division) in a Veterans Benefits Administration regional office, the staff members of that activity in the regional office or in outbased locations, and the services that activity provides.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 101, 1802, 1804, 1811–1812, 1814, 1821, 1831)

(b) *Other terms and abbreviations.* The following terms and abbreviations have the same meaning or explanation that §21.35 provides:

- (1) CP (Counseling psychologist);
- (2) Program of education;
- (3) Rehabilitation facility;
- (4) School, educational institution, or institution;
- (5) Training establishment;
- (6) Vocational goal;
- (7) VRC (Vocational rehabilitation counselor); and
- (8) Workshop.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1804, 1811, 1814, 1831)

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§21.8012 Vocational training program for certain children of Vietnam veterans and veterans with covered service in Korea—spina bifida and covered birth defects.

VA will provide an evaluation to an eligible child to determine the child’s potential for achieving a vocational goal. If this evaluation establishes that it is feasible for the child to achieve a vocational goal, VA will provide the child with the vocational training, employment assistance, and other related rehabilitation services authorized by this subpart that VA finds the child needs to achieve a vocational goal, including employment.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1804, 1812, 1814, 1821)

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§21.8014 Application.

(a) *Filing an application.* To participate in a vocational training program, the child of a Vietnam veteran or veteran with covered service in Korea (or the child’s parent or guardian, an authorized representative, or a Member of Congress acting on behalf of the child) must file an application. An application is a request for an evaluation of the feasibility of the child’s achievement of a vocational goal and, if a CP or VRC determines that achievement of a vocational goal is feasible, for participation in a vocational training program. The application may be in any form, but it must:

- (1) Be in writing over the signature of the applicant or the person applying on the child’s behalf;
- (2) Provide the child’s full name, address, and VA claim number, if any, and the parent Vietnam veteran or veteran with covered service in Korea’s full name and Social Security number or VA claim number, if any; and
- (3) Clearly identify the benefit sought.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1804(a), 1821, 1832, 5101)

(b) *Time for filing.* For a child claiming eligibility based on having spina bifida, an application under this subpart may be filed at any time after September 30, 1997. For a child claiming eligibility based on a covered birth defect, an application under this subpart may be filed at any time after November 30, 2001. (The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in this section under control number 2900–0579)

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 1804, 1811, 1811 note, 1812, 1814, 1831)

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§21.8015 Notification by VA of necessary information or evidence when a claim is filed; time for claimant response and VA action; and VA’s duty to assist claimants in obtaining evidence.

The provisions of §§21.32 and 21.33 of subpart A of this part also apply to