

Information Bulletin

June 1, 2023

Attention: Psychology Assessment providers

Subject: Using abilities-focused language, updated reference manual

Abilities language

Over the past month, we've shared several communications regarding the shift that WorkSafeBC is making toward the use of abilities-focused language. In keeping with this language shift, Psychology Assessment providers are being asked to not only focus on the factors that pose challenges to the worker's recovery and return to work, but also to include information regarding facilitators to support their recovery and return to work.

Updated reference manual

We are happy to share with Psychology Assessment providers an updated reference manual. The manual provides definitions relevant to our shift to abilities language and includes examples of how to word a worker's function with a focus on their abilities.

You will note that we've updated the format of the reference manual, making it more user-friendly. While much of the information within the document remains the same, we ask that you pay particular attention to changes related to the shift to abilities language.

Next steps

We ask that Psychology Assessment providers review the updated reference manual, familiarize themselves with the use of abilities-focused language, and begin using this language as of June 1, 2023.

Providers are asked to ensure their communication with all involved stakeholders is abilities focused. This will serve to support the worker, employer, and WorkSafeBC officer to best move forward toward recovery and return to work.

We appreciate your efforts to remain up to date on the information we have provided. Thank you for your continued support in the treatment of our injured workers. Should you have any questions, please reach out to the Health Care Programs team supporting Psychology Assessment services.

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