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DWC posts draft regulations updating SJDB/RTW rules to online forum for public comment

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has posted proposed changes to its Supplemental Job Displacement Benefits (SJDB) rules and forms on its [online forum page](#) where members of the public may review and comment on the proposals.

The SJDB rules have not been updated since 2013. The proposed updates will:

- require additional itemization on vocational & return to work counselor (VRTWC) billings,
- require that education programs offered to injured workers be provided by California public schools or by schools included on the Employment Development Department (EDD) list of approved training providers and schools,
- provide that copies of both the original voucher and fully completed voucher shall be forwarded to DWC in a manner to be determined by the Administrative Director,
- update the application process for the VRTWC list maintained by the Administrative Director,
- limit payments from the Supplemental Job Displacement Benefits for vocational counseling to persons on the VRTWC list,
- prohibit VRTWCs from holding financial interests in entities that receive proceeds from the SJDB voucher,
- create a process for removal of VRTWCs from the VRTWC list, and
- update the SJDB voucher form and instructions.

The proposed changes will update the California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Chapter 4.5, Division of Workers' Compensation, Article 7.5, Supplemental Job Displacement Benefits, Sections, 10133.31, 10133.32, 10133.58, 10133.59, 10133.59.1, 10133.59.2.

These proposed changes will increase efficiencies in the SJDB voucher program, improve management of the VRTWC list, and provide safeguards against fraud within the system.

The forum can be found online on the DWC [forums](#) web page under “current forums.” Comments will be accepted on the forum until 5 p.m. on November 3, 2025.

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