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A proposed revision of the program description for vocational training and the establishment of a program for employment assistance for adult Indians are being published in the Federal Register, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today.

The proposed revision fully describes eligibility requirements for participation in the Bureau's program of Vocational Training and explains procedures for filing application for this program. In addition, certain changes in eligibility criteria are proposed, removing all practices of sex discrimination, defining the term "near reservation" as it shall apply to eligibility, replacing a blood quantum requirement with membership in a tribe and regarding repeat services.

The employment assistance program contains support service options which may include vocational and employment counseling, housing and community adjustment assistance, job referrals and assistance in moving to an urban or non-urban labor market or job site.

Another purpose is the elimination of grant expenditures for home purchase in off--reservation locations as this feature was more in harmony with the previous program emphasis on off-reservation relocation than with present: trends to emphasize services on and near reservation areas.

Written comments, suggestions or objections should be directed to: Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, Attention: Division of Job Placement and Training, 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C 20245.