

Development of meaning of *rehabilitation*

Date

1500

Rehabilitation
used outside
healthcare

Restoration of a
person's status

Convalescence:
Regaining of
health (1483)

Words used in
healthcare

1850

Restoring a
thing or moral
state

1940

Restoration of function
after injury

Rehabilitation
after war injury

1941

Restoration of economies,
democracy, countries,

Restoration of
land, buildings
etc

Restoration of
alcoholics, drug
users, criminals

Aiding return of function
after acute onset loss in
working age patients

Restoration of
industries,
economies,
organisations

Helping people with
longerterm, possibly
progressive disabilities