



Social Security Work Incentives: Quick Glance

SSDI Work Incentives	SSI Work Incentives
Trial Work Period	Countable Income Formula
<p>For Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries, a range of sequential work incentives can provide you with continued benefits while you test your ability to work and earn wages. The first of those incentives, the Trial Work Period, allows you to test your ability to work while still receiving your full SSDI benefit.</p>	<p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who are working are still eligible to receive SSI if they continue to have a disability and meet other requirements (such as income and resource limits). When working, the SSI payment will gradually decrease, as earnings increase by approximately \$1 for every \$2 earned.</p>
Extended Period of Eligibility	Student Earned Income Exclusion
<p>The Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE) allows you to continue to be eligible for SSDI benefits for 36 months while you work after you have completed Trial Work Period.</p>	<p>Helps working students who receive SSI and earn income while attending school. Through the Student Earned Income Exclusion, the Social Security Administration allows you to keep more of your SSI check, continue taking classes, and thereby improve your employment outcomes.</p>
Impairment Related Work Expense	Impairment Related Work Expense
<p>Allows beneficiaries to deduct the cost of certain items and services (things that help you work) from your gross earnings. This can help you maintain your eligibility for SSDI longer, until you can work to a level of self-sufficiency.</p>	<p>Allows beneficiaries to deduct the cost of certain items and services (things that help you work) from your gross earnings. This can help you receive more of your SSI benefits, until you can work to a level of self-sufficiency.</p>

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Subsidies & Special Conditions	Blind Work Incentive
<p>Your employer or someone else may be helping you with some supports such as a job coach, a different schedule, or a lighter workload. After you've been working awhile, Social Security may be able to help you maintain your SSDI benefits by deciding how much your work is subsidized by your employer.</p>	<p>To qualify for a Blind Work Incentive, you must earn income, have a primary diagnosis of blindness, this is similar to an IRWE however the expense does not have to relate to your disability only be related to your work (i.e., childcare cost).</p>
Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits	Plan for Achieving Self Support
<p>SSDI beneficiaries who are working and terminated from SSA benefits have a safety net. If you are unable to work again due to disability, you may apply for a reinstatement of benefits. With the Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits, you'll file a shorter application to begin receiving your benefit check again.</p>	<p>The Plan for Achieving Self Support is a work incentive designed to help SSI recipients work. If you have a disability, it allows you to set aside resources and/or various kinds of income for a specified period to use toward a work goal or to start a business.</p>

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