

# CAN YOU WORK WHILE RECEIVING SSDI BENEFITS?

The Trial Work Period Explained

# WHAT IS THE TRIAL WORK PERIOD (TWP)?

The TWP allows SSDI recipients to test their ability to work without losing their benefits for up to 9 months (within a 60-month rolling period).

### **HOW MUCH CAN YOU EARN?**

- In 2024, if you earn more than \$1,050/month, it counts as a Trial Work Month.
- During the trial work months, you will still receive your full SSDI benefits, no matter how much you earn.

### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE TWP?

- Once you complete the 9-month TWP, you enter the Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE) for the next 36 months.
- During the EPE, you can still receive SSDI benefits in any month your earnings are below Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level (\$1,470/month in 2024).

## BENEFITS OF THE TRIAL WORK PERIOD

- Risk-Free Work: You can test your ability to work without losing SSDI benefits.
- No Permanent Impact: Even if you earn more during TWP, your SSDI benefits won't be reduced or stopped during this time.

For any questions on working while receiving SSDI or maximizing your benefits, contact the best disability lawyer Sacramento has to offer for expert guidance.

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