Congratulations on your participation in the Ticket to Work program! This publication contains information that can help you be successful in the program.

**Will you review my disability while I am in the program?**

We won’t conduct a medical review of your disability as long as you make progress in the Ticket to Work program. However, if we started a disability review before you began participating, we’ll finish the review. If you have any questions about the Ticket to Work program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line toll free at **1-866-968-7842**, or TTY **1-866-833-2967**.

**How does Social Security determine my progress?**

While you're in the program, we'll review your progress in achieving the goals of your employment plan approximately every 12 months. We consider participation in the program to begin when you signed an agreement.

The following table explains how we determine whether you’re making timely progress towards your goal.

For reviews 1-5 we do accept a combination of required education and earnings.

**What happens if I am not making progress?**

If we determine that you’re not making progress in the Ticket to Work program, we won’t postpone future medical reviews. You can continue in the Ticket program even if we find that you’re not making progress.

**What if I start making progress again?**

Whenever you think you’re making progress again, contact the Ticket to Work Help Line. We'll make a decision about your progress. As long as you meet the disability rules, qualify to take part in the Ticket to Work program, and start making progress as expected, we won’t begin a medical review.

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<td>3 months at or above the trial work period level*</td>
<td>High School diploma, GED or undergrad (2 or 4 year college) 13 credits/ grad or higher 10 credits</td>
<td>Completed 60 percent of full-time course load for 1 year</td>
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<td>Second review</td>
<td>6 months at or above the trial work period level*</td>
<td>Undergrad (2 or 4 year college) 16 credits/grad or higher 12 credits</td>
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<td>Third review</td>
<td>9 months at or above the substantial gainful activity level**</td>
<td>22 credits/grad or higher 16 credits or completion of 2 year college</td>
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<td>9 months at or above the substantial gainful activity level**</td>
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<td>6 months of work and have earnings in each of those months that prevent payment of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments</td>
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*In 2021, we consider you to be working for the trial work period if your earnings are over $940 per month.

**In 2021 we consider earnings over $1,310 (over $2,190 if you are blind) to be substantial.
What if I disagree with the decision?

Once we make our decision, we’ll send you a letter explaining it. If you disagree with the decision, you have 30 days to ask Social Security to review it.

Working and your benefits

How do my earnings affect my benefits?

If you’ve completed your trial work period, are working, and have substantial earnings, we may stop your Social Security disability benefits. We can quickly start your benefits again if your income drops, or you stop work and are still disabled.

If you are receiving SSI payments and your earnings increase, we reduce your payment amount until your earnings reach a high enough level that you’re no longer eligible to receive a benefit payment. We count less than half of your earnings when figuring your SSI payment.

For an explanation of how earnings affect your benefits, read Working While Disabled — How We Can Help (Publication No. 05-10095). You can print it from our website, www.ssa.gov. Or, you can call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

What happens to my health benefits?

Your Medicare may continue for at least 8½ years after you start to work if you’re still disabled. Your Medicaid may also continue, depending on the state where you live and your earnings amount.

Where can I get more information?

For more information about the Ticket to Work program, call the Ticket to Work Help Line, toll-free at 1-866-968-7842, or TTY 1-866-833-2967. Or, you can visit our website, www.ssa.gov/work.