

SSDI and Employment 2018

Trial Work Period

TWP

"The make all you can phase"

1. I can make all the money I am able and still keep my full cash check
2. For 2018, monthly earnings over \$850 will be counted as a TWP month
3. Once I collect 9 TWP months in a rolling 60 month period, I will move on to the next phase of benefits (EPE)
4. SGA is NOT a factor during TWP

NO SGA!!!

What is Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)?

SGA is fairly complex, but a key measurement is the countable income from employment a beneficiary EARNs in a calendar month. For 2018, a person is considered to be working over SGA when COUNTABLE income is over \$1,180 per month. Use of work incentives can help reduce countable income.

Extended Period of Eligibility

EPE Re-Entitlement

"The all or nothing phase"

1. Lasts for exactly 36 months after the TWP ends
2. If monthly countable earnings are higher than SGA, then my check will be "paused" for that month
3. If monthly countable earnings are lower than SGA, then my full cash check continues
4. Earnings from work will not terminate my benefits
5. Medicare continues for at least 7 years and 9 months after TWP if SSDI check stops due to work
6. Some "deductions" may be available to help reduce my countable earnings

\$ Gross Earnings
 -\$ Sick/Vacation/Holiday
 -\$ IRWE
 -\$ Subsidy/Special Condition
 = Countable Earnings

EPE After 36 Months

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"After 36 months Phase"

1. My benefits will continue indefinitely if my countable earnings are below SGA and I don't have a medical recovery
2. If my countable earnings are above SGA my benefits will terminate
3. If my earnings drops back below SGA within 60 months of termination, I can request Expedited Reinstatement (ExR)
4. While waiting for an ExR decision, I will be given provisional benefits for up to 6 months
5. If approved for ExR, I get a new TWP/ EPE/ExR and continuation of Medicare

2018SGA
\$1,180 for Non-Blind
\$1,970 for Blind

