

Ticket to Work

If you are between the ages of 18 and 65 and currently receiving payments from the Social Security Administration (SSA) for either SSI or SSDI you are eligible for a Ticket to Work Ticket. The Ticket can be used to choose an Employment Network (EN) for help in returning to or maintaining work. You can use your Ticket to get employment services from the state VR agency or from a private EN.

If you choose employment services from the State VR agency you will sign an Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) and your Ticket will automatically be put into “In-Use” status. To remove the Ticket from “In-Use” status and assign your ticket to a private EN the VR case will need to be closed.

When you choose an EN to work with *and* sign an Individual Work Plan (IWP) you will be assigning your Ticket to that EN. If you are ever unhappy with services you can always “un-assign” the Ticket.

When you assign your Ticket to the state VR agency or a private EN, SSA gives you protection from Continuing Medical Reviews (CDR’s) while you are actively working on that plan. Because you are given this protection, SSA conducts yearly progress reviews, also called Timely Progress Reviews. They review the progress that you have made with your IWP or IPE and either approve it or remove your protection from CDRs because no progress has been made. If CDR protection is removed you are subject to medical reviews as normally scheduled.

Loss of Benefits is determined by earnings or if you are found no longer disabled. SSA will notify you of any reviews and may ask you for more information. TPR reviews are conducted following guidelines on this chart:

12 Month Review Period	Work Requirement	High School Diploma or GED	Degree or Certification Program	Tech, Trade or Vocational Program
Year 1	3 out of 12 months, Trial Work Period (TWP) earnings	Obtain high school diploma or GED	60% of full time course load for 1 yr	60% of full time course load for 1 yr
Year 2	6 out of 12 months, TWP earnings		75% of full time course load for 1 yr	75 % of full time course load for 1 yr
Year 3	9 out of 12 months w/ Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) earnings		Completed a 2 yr program or, for 4 yr program, completed additional academic yr of full time study	Completed the Program
Year 4	9 out of 12 months at SGA		Complete additional academic yr of full time study	
Year 5	6 out of 12 months at level precluding cash benefits		Complete an addt'l academic year of full time study or completed 4 yr degree program	
Year 6	Same as Year 5 and subsequent 12 mos		Completed 4 yr degree program	