

Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits

Quick Look: SSDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients who are working and no longer receiving SSA benefits and are unable to work again due to their disability on record, may apply for a reinstatement of benefits. With the Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR), you'll file a shorter application to begin receiving your benefits.

If the Social Security Administration (SSA) closed your case because of work and earnings but you are unable to work again at a substantial gainful activity level due to your disability, SSA has a 60-month safety net available. With this safety net, you may begin to receive your cash benefit again by completing a short SSA application.

How It Works

You may request an Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits within five years (60 months) after your benefits are terminated due to work activity. You will be eligible for six months of provisional benefits (including Medicare and Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage with a premium) while the Social Security Administration is reviewing the continuation of your original disability.

If SSA determines that your medical condition does not prevent you from working, SSA will not consider the six months of provisional benefits as an overpayment. But remember, to qualify for this provision, you must:

- have stopped receiving SSA benefits due to your earnings from work.
- no longer be earning more than the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level (\$1,620 per month for people with disabilities or \$2,700 per month for beneficiaries who are blind).
- currently be unable to earn over SGA due to your disability.
- have the same disability as when you applied initially.
- request reinstatement.

If you receive SSDI benefits, after 24 months of payments you may be eligible for a new Trial Work Period and a new Extended Period of Eligibility. In some circumstances, it may be more advantageous to file a new application for benefits rather than apply for Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits.

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A Community Work Incentive Coordinator or an Indiana Benefits Information Network (BIN) Liaison can help you understand more about the Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits.

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**For more information, contact the
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