



# Reporting earnings and SSDI

2018 Fact Sheet

## How it Works:

It is important to report earnings to the Social Security Administration (SSA) when you receive Social Security Disability Insurance, Social Security Childhood Disability Benefits, or Social Security Disabled Widow/Widower Benefits.

### When do I report my earnings?

- When you begin working in wage or self-employment.
- If you receive a raise, promotion, or add additional hours to your work schedule.
- If you have recently started or stopped earning enough to count as Substantial Gainful Activity (\$1,180/month in 2018; or \$1,970/month if blind).
- If you're ending your Trial Work Period (9 months of work at \$850/month or more).
- If you stop working.
- If you are self-employed, submit a copy of your business tax return to SSA each year.

### Work Activity Report

You should receive a Work Activity Report (SSA form 820 or 821) around the 9<sup>th</sup> month of employment. This is a standard form Social Security uses to gather information about your work, earnings, and work incentives that may apply for you. It is helpful answer all questions, and to have copies of your pay stubs or other pay information to submit with this report. If you're earning more than \$1,180/month and you do not receive a Work Activity Report after 9 months, you can contact Social Security to request this form or you can visit [www.ssa.gov/forms](http://www.ssa.gov/forms) to download and print the form.

### How do I report my earnings to Social Security?

**Phone:** You may call SSA, 1-800-772-1213, to report that you began working.

**Mail:** You may mail in a copy of your monthly pay stubs to your *local* SSA office.

**In Person:** You may bring a copy of your monthly pay stubs to your *local* SSA office.

**Receipts:** Ask for a receipt when you make your work report, so you have documentation that you reported your work activity. Keep the receipt and your pay stubs for your records.

**Ticket to Work Helpline: (866) 968-7842**

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