



Reporting Earnings for SSI Beneficiaries

Providing Work Incentive Planning and Assistance to Social Security Beneficiaries

It is important to report earnings monthly to the Social Security Administration (SSA) when you receive SSI benefits. The information below will help explain the different scenarios of when and how to report your monthly earnings.

How do I report my earnings?

Phone: You can report income by calling Social Security's automated phone system at 866-772-0953. You can also call to speak with Social Security by calling 800-772-1213.

Smartphone App: You can download Social Security's mobile app at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssiwagereporting/>

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.

Note about self-employment: If you are self-employed, you need to report that to Social Security, even if you are not making a profit. Be sure to file your taxes promptly with the IRS and send a copy of your tax returns to Social Security.

When do I report my earnings?

When you begin working, you are responsible for reporting your monthly earnings to Social Security. You must report monthly, by the 6th of the following month if you use the automated telephone system, by the 9th of the following month if you use the smartphone app, or by the 10th of the following month if you mail in your paystubs or deliver your paystubs in person. For example, report January's earnings by February 6th, 9th, or 10th, depending on your reporting method.

You can sign up for monthly email or text reminders to report wages at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssiwagereporting/>.

Strategies for Success

- Keep *all* correspondence sent to or from Social Security.
- Keep copies of your paystubs. If you report using the automated telephone system or the mobile app, Social Security will request written wage information periodically.
- Do not assume that the check you receive from Social Security is correct and has had wages accounted for. If you are getting checks or direct deposits that you think you may not be entitled to, do not spend them! Deposit them in the bank while you work with Social Security to get your record updated.
- The SSI program does not always communicate with other Social Security benefits or share reported wage information. If you receive both SSI and SSDI, you will need to report to both programs.
- SSI also requires you (as well as your parents, if under 18, and your spouse) to report any change in unearned income and in-kind support or maintenance. This includes things like other Social Security payments, child support payments, or any other cash received, as well as assistance with food and shelter provided by another person.

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