

Expedited Reinstatement of Social Security Cash Benefits

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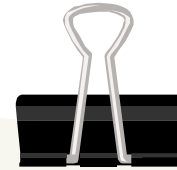
Expedited Reinstatement allows people whose Social Security benefits ended because of their earnings to have those benefits restarted without having to file a new application. Expedited Reinstatement provides a safety net for those individuals who work off their benefits.

Paperwork for Expedited Reinstatement is minimal and the process is relatively quick. Under Expedited Reinstatement, the Social Security Administration may pay up to 6 months of provisional benefits while they determine if the individual still meets their criteria for receiving benefits based on a disability. If Social Security denies the request for ongoing benefits, they generally will not require that the individual repay the provisional benefits.

Am I eligible?

To qualify for Expedited Reinstatement, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- stopped receiving SSDI or SSI due to earnings from work;
- are no longer earning more than the Substantial Gainful Activity level (in 2012, \$1,010 per month for people with disabilities or \$1,690 per month for blind beneficiaries);
- are currently unable to earn over the Substantial Gainful Activity level;
- have the same disability as when you applied initially; and
- request Expedited Reinstatement within 60 months (5 years) from the month Social Security terminated the previous benefits.



Be Aware:

Your Social Security representative may recommend that you complete a new application instead of pursuing Expedited Reinstatement. Reapplying for benefits may be more advantageous for you depending on your individual situation.

How Do I Request Expedited Reinstatement?

Contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for an appointment with your local Social Security office. Say that you want to request Expedited Reinstatement of your benefits.

What Else Should I Know?

Once you have received 24 months of benefits after qualifying for Expedited Reinstatement, you will get a new Trial Work Period and Extended Period of Eligibility to test your ability to increase your earnings again.

For more information, call the Work Incentives
Connection:

651-632-5113 or 1-800-976-6728

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