

Glossary

A

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>ABLE Act (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Federal legislation that aims to ease financial strains faced by individuals with disabilities by making tax-free savings accounts available to cover qualified expenses including, but not limited to, education, food, housing and transportation. The ABLE Act created a new option for individuals with disabilities and their families to save for the future while protecting eligibility for public benefits. The accounts, which are 529A savings and investment accounts, largely have no effect on federally funded, means-tested benefit programs.</p>	Not applicable
<p>ABLE NRC (ABLE National Resource Center) The ABLE National Resource Center (ABLE NRC) is the leading, comprehensive source of objective, independent information about federal- and state-related ABLE programs and activities, including guidance on tax-advantaged ABLE savings accounts to educate, promote and support the positive impact ABLE can make on the lives of millions of Americans with disabilities and their families. https://www.ablenrc.org/</p>	Not applicable
<p>ABLE United Florida’s ABLE plan that allows some people with disabilities to save and invest their money without impacting means-tested benefits so that they can pay for qualified disability expenses. https://www.ableunited.com/</p>	Not applicable

<p>ACA (Affordable Care Act) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) legislation, commonly called the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or Obamacare, was passed into law in March, 2010. It was intended to increase health insurance quality and affordability, lower the uninsured rate by expanding insurance coverage and reduce the costs of healthcare.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) Legislation (Public Law 101-336) that gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities to prohibit discrimination and provide equal opportunity in the following areas: employment (Title I), public transportation and State and local government services (Title II), public accommodations (Title III), and telecommunications (Title IV). Miscellaneous (Title V) provisions of the ADA are addressed, such as prohibiting either (a) coercing or threatening or (b) retaliating against individuals with disabilities or those attempting to aid people with disabilities in asserting their rights under the ADA. The ADA was signed into law on July 26, 1990, under President George H W Bush.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>AHCA (Agency for Health Care Administration) An agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program in Florida.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>ALF (Assisted Living Facility) A licensed facility that provides housing, meals, personal care services, and supportive services to older persons and adults with disabilities who are unable to live independently. Also known as congregate housing, residential care, adult congregate care, boarding home or domiciliary care, an ALF is a housing solution for individuals who need some assistance with everyday daily care, such as meals, medication management, bathing, dressing, transportation or intermittent skilled nursing care.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>AFP Alternative Finance Program (FAAST) provides guidance, referrals for grants and affordable loans for the purchase of assistive technology; may be a credit-building activity. https://faast.org/services/nhlp/</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

<p>APD (Agency for Persons with Disabilities) A state agency in Florida which handles the Medicaid Waiver program for persons with developmental disabilities in the State of Florida.</p>	Not applicable
<p>Appeals The review process for an individual if there is a disagreement concerning a benefits claim, benefits overpayment or termination of benefits, among other benefit issues. The timelines and the rules for an appeal must follow Social Security Administration (SSA) procedures.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>AWIC (Area Work Incentives Coordinators) This individual coordinates public outreach on work incentives and training on employment support programs for Social Security Administration (SSA) field office personnel in a specific geographic area.</p>	Not applicable

B

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Benefit Monthly payment and/or health insurance received from the Social Security Administration due to a documented medical disability and the inability to work at SGA (Substantial Gainful Activity).</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>Benefit Verification Letter An official letter from SSA that verifies that amount an individual receives each month in Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income benefits. These letters are normally issued following a request from a person receiving benefits or his/her representative payee or they may be printed from a “my Social Security” account.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>BPQY (Benefits Planning Query) Benefits planning tool that provides a snapshot of an individual's SSDI and/or SSI benefits, work effort, use of work incentives and other benefits-related information. A BPQY is requested from and prepared by the Social Security Administration.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes

<p>Break Even Point</p> <p>A dollar amount that demonstrates when an individual's countable income is high enough that their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment amount equals \$0. A person's break-even point depends on factors such as amount of earned and unearned income, income exclusions, and use of work incentives.</p>	<p>SSDI: No</p> <p>SSI: Yes</p>
<p>BWE (Blind Work Expense)</p> <p>A work incentive which allows those who receive SSI due to blindness to deduct expenses incurred when they go to work.</p>	<p>SSDI: No</p> <p>SSI: Yes</p>

C

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Career Source Florida</p> <p>State centers, which offer assistance to job seekers.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>CDR (Continuing Disability Review)</p> <p>The process the Social Security Administration (SSA) uses to determine if an individual continues to have a documented medical disability that prevents them from earning at a substantial level, thus remaining eligible for benefits. SSA will review current information about a person's medical condition to make this determination. A person who has assigned their Ticket to Work and is demonstrating Timely Progress is protected from CDR.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes</p> <p>SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Childhood Disability Benefits</p> <p>A person with a disability that occurred before the age of 22, who is not legally married to a non-Title II beneficiary and whose insured parent is deceased, disabled or retired. A DAC may draw an SSDI benefit from their parent's work record, even if the DAC does not have the required work credits to receive SSDI based on their own work record. Informally referred to as “Disabled Adult Child” or DAC benefit.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes</p> <p>SSI: No</p>

<p>CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) — known more simply as CHIP — is a program administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that provides matching funds to states for health insurance to families with children.</p>	Not applicable
<p>CIL (Center for Independent Living) This center provides education, resources and training to individuals with disabilities to enhance self-determination through informed choice.</p>	Not applicable
<p>CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) A branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that oversees Medicare, Medicaid, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CMS was previously known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).</p>	Not applicable
<p>COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) COLA is represented by a percentage rate increase based on measures used to determine inflation. When the COLA increases in a given time period, SSDI and SSI cash benefits receive the percentage rate increase the following January.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>Continuation of Medicare Coverage If benefits stop due to work, Medicare continues at least 93 months after the trial work period. The Continuation of Medicare Coverage provision allows health insurance to continue even after SSDI benefits have stopped due to employment.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: No
<p>Continuing Disability Review (CDR) The SSA process of obtaining complete current information about a medical condition to determine whether or not SSDI or SSI benefits will continue.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>Countable Earned Income Gross income and/or unearned income less benefit-allowable exclusions and work incentives.</p>	Not applicable
<p>CR (Claims Representative) A Social Security Administration (SSA) staff employee who works in an SSA field office.</p>	Not applicable

<p>Credits (SSA Credits) Previously called “quarters of coverage.” As you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn credits that count toward your eligibility for future Social Security benefits. You can earn a maximum of four credits each year. Most people need 40 credits to qualify for some benefits. Younger people need fewer credits to qualify for disability and survivor benefits. Sometimes referred to as Work Credits. For more information, read “How You Earn Credits” at https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10072.pdf</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>CWIC (Community Work Incentives Coordinator) Benefits Specialists under the Social Security Administration (SSA) Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program (WIPA) that provide all SSA beneficiaries with disabilities (including transition-to-work-aged youth) access to benefits planning and assistance services.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

D

<p>Definition</p>	<p>Applies to: SSI/SSDI</p>
<p>DAC (Disabled Adult Child) See Childhood Disability Benefit above.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>
<p>DCF (Department of Children and Families) A state agency that administers the food stamps, Medicaid, temporary cash assistance and other needs-based programs and services to help improve the lives of individuals and families and protect children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities from abuse and neglect.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>DDS (Division of Disability Determination) or DDS (Disability Determination Service) These are responsible for making decisions regarding medical eligibility for persons applying for disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA). They also conduct medical continuing disability reviews.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

<p>Deeming The Social Security Administration (SSA) may consider some of the income and resources of a recipient's spouse, parent (if under age 18) or sponsor (if a non-citizen) when applying for or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Direct Deposit The standard way to receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income benefits. The benefit payment is sent electronically to an account in a financial institution (bank, trust company, savings and loan association, brokerage agency, credit union or ABLE account).</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Disability Defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) as the inability to engage in Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) by reason of any medical impairment that has lasted longer or is expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months or result in death.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Division of Blind Services (DBS) A Florida State Agency that provides a variety of services, including employment services and the provision of assistive technology to blind or visually impaired children and adults.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

E

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Earned Income Money a person receives from wages, self-employment, certain royalties and honoraria and/or sheltered workshop payments.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. Congress originally approved the tax credit legislation in 1975 in part to offset the burden of social security taxes and to provide an incentive to work. To qualify, taxpayers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if they did not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

<p>Eligible Couple</p> <p>An eligible couple is two SSI recipients who live together and are considered married by the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSA considers two people married for SSI purposes if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are living in the same household and are married under the laws of their State. • They are holding themselves out as husband and wife to the community in which they live. • One is entitled, as the spouse of the other, to Social Security benefits. 	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>EN (Employment Networks)</p> <p>Employment networks are public or private providers in the local community and can include the state Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agency and Florida Workforce Centers that have chosen to provide return-to-work services to Ticket holders under the Ticket to Work program.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>EPE (Extended Period of Eligibility)</p> <p>A period of 36 consecutive months that follow the Trial Work Period (TWP). The purpose of this time period is to give beneficiaries a chance to continue to test their work skills. During the EPE, eligibility for SSDI cash benefits continue for the months countable earnings are below Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA).</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>
<p>EXR (Expedited Reinstatement)</p> <p>This provides an additional safety net in the return-to-work phase. Individuals who lose eligibility for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits -- meaning their SSDI or SSI benefits are terminated -- can request that their benefits start again through this process.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>

F

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>FBR (Federal Benefit Rate) Federal Benefit Rate is the maximum amount a person receiving SSI benefits can receive from the Federal government. Usually changes January 1 of each calendar year.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>FDDC (Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.) This training, Changing Face of Benefits, is an initiative of the FDDC. For more resources and to learn more about the FDDC and how you can support self-advocacy and meaningful participation for Floridians with developmental disabilities, visit www.fddc.org.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) Guarantees up to \$250,000 of a person's money deposited in an insured financial institution.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>FICA Tax FICA stands for “Federal Insurance Contributions Act.” It’s the tax withheld from salary or self-employment income that funds the Social Security and Medicare programs.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Field Office (SSA) Another name for the local SSA office. You can use the SSA Office Locator to find your local office by zip code at https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Financial Education The process by which people improve their understanding of financial products, services and concepts, so that they are empowered to make informed choices, avoid pitfalls, know where to go for help, and take other actions to improve their present and long-term financial well-being.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>FSS (Family Self-Sufficiency) A voluntary program Public Housing Authorities can participate in to provide their tenants the opportunity to set goals and save money to advance their self-sufficiency.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

G

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
Gross Income Money earned as wages or self-employment before any deductions (such as taxes) or exclusions are applied (IRS Term).	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes

H

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
HCBS Waiver (Home and Community Based Services) Federally approved Medicaid waiver programs which provide services to individuals with disabilities to help them to be active in the community, to provide a home-like environment if the person lives in a group home, assisted living facility (ALF) or adult family care home and enable them to make personal choices.	Not applicable
HUD (Housing and Urban Development) A U.S. federal agency that develops national policies and programs to address housing needs in the United States and enforces fair housing laws. HUD helps people by administering a variety of programs that develop and support affordable housing and provide counseling services for potential homeowners.	Not applicable

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<p>In-Kind Counted value of food, utilities or shelter provided at no cost. This is considered Unearned Income.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Initial Reinstatement Period (IRP) In an expedited reinstatement case, the first 24 months (not necessarily consecutive) of payments. If you receive SSI benefits, normal income counting rules apply.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>
<p>Insured Status If you worked and earned enough Social Security credits to be eligible for retirement or disability benefits or enable your dependents to be eligible for benefits due to your retirement, disability or death, you have insured status. For more information, see: https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10072.pdf</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>IRS (Internal Revenue Service) A U.S. government agency responsible for tax collection and tax law enforcement.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>IRWE (Impairment Related Work Expense) A work incentive that allows an individual to deduct the cost of items they pay for themselves to go to work because of their disability. IRWEs are out-of-pocket expenses for the items and services that a beneficiary needs, in order to work due to their disability. The Social Security Administration (SSA) will deduct the cost of these items or services from the beneficiary's countable earnings to decide if their countable earnings demonstrate performance of Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA).</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>

M

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Medicaid Medicaid is a federal medical assistance program administered by states and the medical benefit attached to Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Eligibility is based on resources and earned and unearned income levels. <i>(Medical Benefit attached to SSI)</i></p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Medicare A federal medical insurance program connected to Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Individuals receiving SSDI are automatically eligible after applicable waiting period. <i>(Medical Benefit attached to SSDI)</i></p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>

N

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>NDI (National Disability Institute) This training, Changing Face of Benefits, was developed by NDI. For more resources and to learn more about building a better financial future, visit https://www.nationaldisabilityinstitute.org/</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>NDRN (National Disability Rights Network) The nation’s largest provider of legal advocacy services for people with disabilities. One Protection and Advocacy component falls under their jurisdiction in each state.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Number Holder See Wage Earner. This refers to the Social Security Account number holder.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Nutrition Assistance Program See SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

P

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>PABSS (Protection and Advocacy of Beneficiaries on Social Security) A program created to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist SSDI and SSI beneficiaries in obtaining information and advice about receiving vocational rehabilitation and employment services. Provide advocacy or other related services that beneficiaries may need to secure or regain gainful employment. <p>The PABSS program in Florida is administered by Disability Rights Florida and falls under the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN).</p>	Not applicable
<p>PASS (Plan to Achieve Self-Support) An earned income and resource exclusion that allows a person who is disabled or blind to set aside income and/or resources (over the \$2,000 asset limit) to reach an employment goal.</p>	SSDI: No SSI: Yes
<p>PESS (Property Essential for Self-Support) A work incentive where some resources essential to self-support are not counted for purposes of continuing eligibility for SSI benefits.</p>	SSDI: No SSI: Yes

Q

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>QC (Quarter of Coverage) See Credits above</p>	SSDI: No SSI: Yes

R

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Representative Payee A person, agency organization or institution Social Security Administration (SSA) approves to manage a person's benefits when they are unable to manage the benefits themselves.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Resources Resources can be anything a person owns that can be converted to cash to pay for food, shelter and clothing. The resource limit is \$2000 for an individual and \$3000 for a couple.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes Medicaid: Yes</p>
<p>Retroactive Benefits (Back pay) Monthly benefits that you may be entitled to before the month you actually apply, if you meet the requirements. Or, if approval of your claim is delayed due to appeals, the back pay due.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>

S

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Section 8 Voucher U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program administered locally by public housing authorities (PHAs). Section 8 Vouchers allow the holder to secure their own suitable housing or, if authorized by the PHA, to purchase a modest home.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Section 301 A work incentive for individuals participating in an appropriate program of vocational rehabilitation or similar service that extends the time an individual receives benefits in the event they become ineligible because they medically improve.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>
<p>Section 1619(a) A work incentive that allows a working Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient to earn above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amount and maintain SSI eligibility. As the earnings of the SSI recipient increase, the SSI cash benefit may decrease.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes</p>

<p>Section 1619(b) A work incentive that allows a working Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient to keep their Medicaid eligibility when earning income at a level that eliminates an SSI cash benefit.</p>	SSDI: No SSI: Yes
<p>Self-Employment Income You are self-employed if you are a private contractor, you operate a trade, business or profession, either individually or as a partner, and have net earnings of \$400 or more in a taxable year.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>SEIE (Student Earned Income Exclusion) A work incentive that allows a student, under 22, who is regularly attending school and is earning wages to maintain more of their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash benefit by deducting a monthly maximum and up to an annual maximum amount of income.</p>	SSDI: No SSI: Yes
<p>Self-Employment Earnings secured through working for oneself rather than being employed by someone else.</p>	Not applicable
<p>SGA (Substantial Gainful Activity) The performance of work for pay or profit, whether or not a profit or pay is realized. The monthly SGA amount will change annually based on the national wage index.</p>	Not applicable
<p>SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) The U.S. Department of Agriculture program that helps needy families buy food, formally known as food stamps. For more information see https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10100.pdf. This is also called “SNAP” – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p>	Not applicable
<p>Special Conditions A work incentive that allows an individual to deduct the value of support provided by someone other than the individual's employer that assists the beneficiary in earning wages above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level. (*Only applies to SSI at time of application)</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>SSA (Social Security Administration) The U.S. federal agency that administers the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs.</p>	Not applicable

<p>SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) A program under Title II of the Social Security Act. It is a cash benefit program for individuals who have worked and paid into FICA (Federal Insured Contribution Act), or are a Disabled Adult Child, and who meet Social Security's definition of disability (inability to work at a substantial level due to a documented disability).</p>	Not applicable
<p>SSI (Supplemental Security Income) Supplemental Security Income is a program under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. It is a cash benefit paid to individuals who have limited income and resources and who meet Social Security's definition of disability (inability to work at a substantial level due to a documented disability).</p>	Not applicable
<p>Subsidies A work incentive that allows an individual to deduct the value of support provided by the individual's employer that assists the beneficiary in earning wages above the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level. (<i>*Only applies to SSI at time of application</i>)</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes

T

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) This program is designed to help needy families achieve self-sufficiency. States and territories receive block grants from TANF to design and operate programs to provide families with financial assistance and related support services. State-administered programs may include childcare assistance, job preparation, and work assistance.</p>	Not applicable
<p>The Three Tests SSA uses three tests to evaluate self-employment income when you initially apply for SSDI and before you have received SSDI benefits for 24 months. They also use the tests to determine whether benefits can be reinstated when work activity is evaluated in the EPE.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: No

<p>Threshold The maximum amount an SSI Recipient can earn yearly to maintain 1619(b) status and the continuation of Medicaid at no cost. Amount is State specific and changes each year. An Individualized Threshold is available for individuals with excessive Medicaid costs.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes Medicaid: Yes</p>
<p>TTWWIIA (Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act) Legislation that modernizes the employment services system for people with disabilities and makes it possible for millions of Americans with disabilities to no longer have to choose between taking a job and having health care.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>TTW (Ticket to Work Program) The Ticket Program, is one part of the “Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act”, that increases opportunities and choices for Social Security disability beneficiaries to obtain employment, vocational rehabilitation (VR) and other support services from public and private providers, employers and other organizations. Under the Ticket to Work Program, the Social Security Administration provides disability beneficiaries with a Ticket they may use to obtain the services and jobs they need from organizations called Employment Networks (ENs).</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes</p>
<p>TWP (Trial Work Period) Work incentive that allows a person to test his/her ability to work without losing benefits. Under this provision, the beneficiary is credited with a month of trial work for each month that earnings exceed the TWP amount. When the beneficiary has accumulated nine such months (not necessarily consecutively earned), the Trial Work Period is complete.</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>

U

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Unearned Income Any money a person receives that is not for services performed (paid work). Unearned income may include SSDI or other governmental cash benefits, money directly paid to a person from a trust, interest, dividends and/or monthly provision by a family to subsidize living expenses.</p>	<p>SSDI: No SSI: Yes Medicaid: Yes</p>
<p>UWA (Unsuccessful Work Attempt) This occurs when a beneficiary's effort to do a substantial level of work in employment or self-employment is stopped or reduced to below the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) level after a short time (six months or less).</p>	<p>SSDI: Yes SSI: No</p>

V

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) A program supported by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) providing certified tax preparers at the local, community level and at no cost to individuals who make \$50,000 or less and need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>VR (Vocational Rehabilitation) A federal-state program available in every state to assist individuals with disabilities to prepare for, gain or retain employment.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

W

Definition	Applies to: SSI/SSDI
<p>Wage Earner A person who earns Social Security credits while working for wages or self-employment income. Sometimes referred to as the “Number Holder” or “worker.”</p>	Not applicable
<p>Wages All payments for services performed for an employer. Wages do not have to be in cash. The cash value of all compensation paid to an employee in any form other than cash is also considered wages, unless the form of payment is specifically not covered under the Social Security Act.</p>	Not applicable
<p>Work Incentive (Work Support) Special rules that make it possible for people to work and keep their monthly payment and Medicare/Medicaid and/or to become self-sufficient. They are also called Employment Support Programs.</p>	SSDI: Yes SSI: Yes
<p>WIL (Work Incentive Liaison) A Social Security employee specially trained in the work incentive provisions of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).</p>	Not applicable
<p>WIPA (Work Incentives Planning and Assistance) A program to assist Social Security Administration (SSA) beneficiaries with transitioning from dependence on public benefits to paid employment and greater economic self-sufficiency.</p>	Not applicable
<p>Work Credits See Credits above.</p>	Not applicable