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1972 Congressional Mandate: "to provide every opportunity and encouragement to the blind and disabled to return to substantial gainful employment."

# Eligibility

- Age 15 to 65ish
- On <u>Supplemental Security Income</u> (SSI) with other income/resources, or
- On Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- School or Self-Employment



# SSA Disability Programs

SSI – Supplemental Security Income

Federal welfare program

Paid from general, not SSA, taxes

Must have low income and assets

Paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month

Any other income can reduce benefit

#### SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

An earned benefit

Paid from FICA taxes

Must have worked and paid taxes

Paid typically on the 3rd of the month

Can be spouse/child of a worker

#### Knowledge Check

At what age can you get a PASS plan?

a. Age is just a number, it's only how you feel that counts

**b.** At the age that you are truly ready

c. What was the question again?

d. Any age from 15 to 65ish

# Features

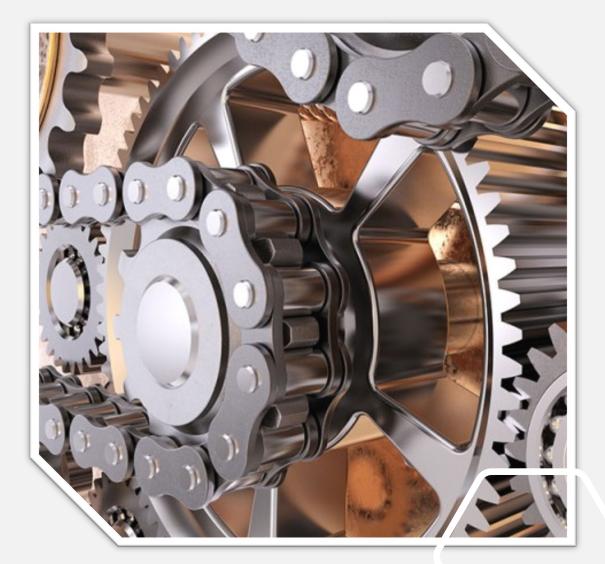
Excludes income or resources

#### Funds expenses for:

- Education
- Self-Employment

Tuition, Books, Transportation,Laptops, Childcare, Tools,Clothing, Internet, Phone





CI = Countable Income (against SSI)

TI = Total Income

#### Example: How It Works

Carla receives SSI and makes \$1085 per month thru her job.

\$1085.00	\$1182.00 SSI	<b>TI</b> = \$1085.00
- <u>85.00</u>	- <u>500.00</u>	+ <u>682.00</u>
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÷ 2		
= \$500.00 <b>CI</b>		

Carla spends \$500 per month thru PASS on school tuition.

	\$500.00	TI =	\$1182.00
-	500.00	+	<u>1085.00</u>
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# Example # 2

Antonio receives \$1220 of SSDI monthly.

\$1220 \$1200 \$1182 SSI rate - 20 Excess Income Status = \$1200 CI

He spends \$300 per month on childcare expenses to be able to go to school

 \$1200 Prior Cl
 SSI = \$1182

 -300 PASS Exclusion
 -900 

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- <u>900</u> = **\$282** \$\$!





# How to Apply

Find your nearest PASS Specialist:

https://www.ssa.gov/ disabilityresearch/wi/passcadre.htm

Form **SSA-545-BK** (02-20) Discontinue Prior Editions Social Security Administration

PLAN TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUPPORT (PASS)

Name

#### PART A – YOUR WORK GOAL

A.1. What is your work goal? (Show the job you expect to have at the end of the plan.

A.2. Will you be self-employed? If yes, attach a copy of your business plan or contact your PASS Cadre.

- A.3. Do you have a job coach you pay with your own money?
- A.4. If yes, will this plan reduce the number of hours you pay the job coach?

A.5. Describe the duties you expect to perform in this job (Be specific about the tasks

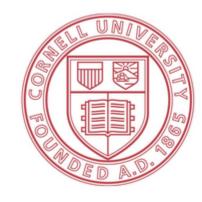








# https://passonline.org



Cornell University

### PASS Timeline



 Reviews every 5 – 6 months.

- Plans can last up to 4+ years for education
- 18 months for self employment

#### Knowledge Check

Jessica is in

school for a degree

in criminal justice

and receives full SSI only.

Is she a good

candidate for

PASS?

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a. No, there are too many CSI detectives out there.

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**b.** Yes, crime is at an all time high.

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c. Yes, she's presently on SSI.

d. Not yet, she currently has no countable income.



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**Roco C – Self Employment** 

# Companion Program: <u>Ticket to Work</u>

#### Free Employment Services

- To help you prepare for work,
- Find a job, or
- Maintain success while you are working

#### Eligibility

- Age 18 through 64
- Receive SSI Disability or SSDI

#### **Benefit Protection**

 Beneficiaries using the Ticket will not be selected for a Continuing Disability Review

### PASS and ABLE Achieving a Better Life Experience

 A beneficiary can take advantage of both programs at once. For example: PASS for its income exclusion ABLE for its resource exclusion



Both programs allow <u>funding</u> and <u>disbursements</u> toward costs involving:

- Tuition, books, training, uniforms, tools
- Equipment, transportation, childcare

# <u>Contact Information</u>

Program	How to Apply	Publications
PASS	www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/passcadre.htm	PASS Application www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-545.pdf
	https://passonline.org	Working While Disabled – A Guide to PASS www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11017.pdf
Ticket To Work	1-866-968-7842 (Maximus) www.choosework.ssa.gov	Your Ticket to Work www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10061.pdf
ABLE Account	<u>www.ablenrc.org</u> www.calable.ca.gov 1-833-225-2253	SSA Red Book www.ssa.gov/redbook/eng/resources- supports.htm

