



When SSI Age-18 Redetermination is Denied—Use the “Section 301” Rule to Continue SSI Benefits

If your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is denied at the redetermination stage at age 18, you may still qualify for continued SSI benefits under Section 301 IF:

- You remain in high school past age 18; or
- You are receiving vocational rehabilitation, training or education.

Payments under the Section 301 Rule support you while you make efforts to work and increase your independence as long as you are involved in an approved program. These programs may qualify you for Section 301 because they will prepare you for work so you will be less likely to need SSI in the future. Once you complete or stop the program, the SSI benefit will end.

Be sure to tell Social Security about these efforts when they start your Age 18 redetermination or if you are denied. Tell them you want to “claim Section 301” to continue your benefits so you will not need SSI in the future.

Examples of count:



educational or vocational efforts that may

- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) in a public or private school between ages 18 and 21
- Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services (DARS) or other Employment Network that is sponsoring you in a trade program, college, or Ticket to Work
- Job Coaching
- Virginia Commonwealth University’s “Project Search” and similar programs
- PAVE – Program for Adults in Vocational Education
- Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center’s PERT (Post Secondary Education Rehabilitation Transition)



- Be sure to tell Social Security about these efforts in order to claim Section 301!! They will collect proof of your participation in a program.
- For more in depth information about SSI benefits once you turn 18 and Section 301 go to, Virginia Commonwealth University's Center on Transition Innovations <https://centerontransition.org/resources/SSABenefits.html>.
- Get help with all these changes by contacting your local Work Incentive and Planning Assistance program at <http://www.vaaccses.org/wipa/> or call 1-877-822-2777.
- See Social Security's brochure on the age-18 redetermination, work incentives, and services that help youth who receive SSI make the transition to adult life entitled: "What You Need to Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18" <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11005.pdf>



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