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Trial Work Period

The **Trial Work Period (TWP)** allows eligible individuals to test their ability to work. During the TWP, the individual will continue to receive full SSDI benefits regardless of how high earnings might be so long as a disabling impairment continues.

The TWP begins the first month the individual is eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and continues until the beneficiary accumulates 9 months (not necessarily consecutive) of “services” during a rolling, 60 consecutive month period. “Services” controls when the TWP stops and is defined as “activity (whether legal or illegal) which is performed for remuneration or gain . . . or normally performed for remuneration or gain” whether or not earnings or profit equal Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA). Effective 2008, services will be determined for months in which earnings exceeded \$640. For self-employed beneficiaries, it will be determined if the individual works more than 80 hours in a month in his or her business.

(Refer to *Red Book Work Incentives*, Social Security Administration, SSA Publication No. 64-030, February 2008.)