

About Ticket to Work

The Social Security Administration understands that choosing to work is a big decision for disability beneficiaries. The **Ticket to Work Program** helps provide a safety net for people who receive Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits as they explore work that is right for them.

Beneficiaries work with employment service providers, known as Employment Networks (ENs), to achieve individual work goals.

If you are eligible and want to get started, the Maine CareerCenter system is now an EN with staff people who are ready to work with you.



Accepting tickets at the following locations

Augusta CareerCenter—Kennebec County
207-624-5120 or 1-800-760-1573

Bangor CareerCenter—Piscataquis, Penobscot and Hancock Counties
207-561-4050 or 1-888-828-0568

Brunswick CareerCenter—Cumberland, Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties
207-373-4000 or 1-888-836-3355

Lewiston CareerCenter—Androscoggin and Oxford Counties
207-753-9000 or 1-800-741-2991

Machias/Calais CareerCenter—Washington County
1-800-292-8929 or 1-800-543-0303

Greater Portland CareerCenter—Cumberland County
207-822-3300 or 1-877-594-5627

Presque Isle CareerCenter—Aroostook County
207-760-6300 or 1-800-635-0357

Rockland CareerCenter—Knox and Waldo Counties
207-596-2600 or 1-877-421-7916

Skowhegan CareerCenter—Somerset County
207-474-4950 or 1-800-760-1572

Springvale CareerCenter—York County
207-324-5460 or 1-800-343-0151

Wilton CareerCenter—Franklin County
207-645-5800 or 1-800-982-4311

Ticket to Work State Lead
1-888-457-8883 or tickettowork.maine@maine.gov

TTY users call Maine Relay 711

CareerCenter
www.mainecareercenter.com

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Collecting SSI or SSDI and ready to go back to work?

Your CareerCenter can help you use the
Ticket to Work



Helping beneficiaries take
the next step toward work

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How the Program Works

The Ticket to Work program is voluntary. You get assistance, job referrals and other services you need to work at no charge. You can assign your “Ticket” to an approved Employment Network (EN) of your choice. You and the provider work together to make a work plan. The plan states exactly what services the provider will furnish.

While you are using your Ticket to obtain employment and you are making progress toward your work goal, Social Security will not conduct any Continuing Disability Reviews on your case.

Who is eligible?

Adults ages 18 through 64, who receive cash benefits from Social Security based on disability under the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and/or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program can enroll.

Who should use their Ticket?

Beneficiaries who are ready to explore training, education and/or work with the intent of reducing reliance on SSI/SSDI benefits should ask about the Ticket to Work Program.



Will I lose my cash benefits? Will I lose my insurance?

The Ticket Program includes a number of safety nets designed to encourage and support beneficiaries as they explore training, education and/or work with the intent of reducing or eliminating reliance on SSI/SSDI benefits. This path can lead to eventual self-sufficiency as the beneficiary makes gradual progress towards financial stability and independence.

Rules differ for SSI and SSDI. It is important to get answers to your questions from a trained specialist. SSA benefits counseling is available to help you learn about work incentives that were developed to address your concerns. Ask about a referral to BES's Community Work Incentive Counselor (CWIC) for an overview of the effects of work on your benefits.

What is an EN?

Employment Networks (ENs) are approved by the Social Security Administration to provide employment services and other types of support services to people receiving SSI or SSDI.

To get these services you must choose an EN and develop an **Individual Work Plan (IWP)** that identifies your employment goal and outlines the services and supports the EN will provide to assist you in achieving that goal.

The Maine Department of Labor's CareerCenter system is an approved Employment Network. All of Maine's full-service CareerCenters are accepting tickets.

Our services include:

- Assistance maintaining successful employment.
- Help regaining employment if you need a new or different job.
- Guidance on job-related training and or education.
- Benefits counseling related to the effect of earnings on SSA benefits.
- Workshops and other programs to help you build a career.
- Assistance with unemployment compensation, if needed.
- Maine Job Bank assistance.

Information and referrals to:

- Personal money management.
- Transportation and housing.
- Child and adult day-care services.
- Health care and health insurance.
- Domestic violence and sexual assault support services.
- Adult education and additional occupational training and education.
- Apprenticeship and Competitive Skills Scholarship Programs.
- Public assistance programs.
- Employment services for veterans.
- Vocational Rehabilitation.