

# How to Apply Online For Social Security Disability Benefits

The most convenient way to apply for disability!!!

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## Why should I apply online for [Social Security disability benefits](#)?

Applying online for disability benefits offers several advantages:

- You can start your disability claim immediately. There is no need to wait for an appointment;
- You can apply from the convenience of your home, or on any computer; and
- You can avoid trips to a Social Security office, saving you time and money.

## [How secure is my personal information?](#)

We use the most secure technology on the Internet to keep your information private.

How do I apply online?

Follow these four simple steps:

**Step 1** - [Review the Adult Disability Checklist](#)

**Step 2**—[Fill out the Disability Benefit Application](#)

**Step 3**—[Fill out the Adult Disability Report](#)

**Step 3**—[Fill out the Authorization to Disclose Information Form](#) and mail or take it to your [Social Security Office](#).

[Electronic Signature Process For Form SSA-827](#)

## Applying Online For Disability Benefits – [Video - Webinar](#).

A number of enhancements have been made to Social Security's online disability application, making it easier and more convenient to complete online. During this [video - webinar](#), we will highlight the new aspects of this online application and tell you about other Social Security disability initiatives currently underway.

Please click below:

[Watch the webinar](#) (previously recorded)

## Is the process easy to follow?

Yes. We ask only the questions that pertain to your situation, and we provide links to more information. Also, there are examples to help you. You can print or save a copy of the information you enter.

## What information should I gather before I get started?

For the [Disability Benefit Application](#)., you should have:

- Your Social Security number;
- Direct deposit numbers (from a check, or ask your financial institution for the numbers) to have your monthly benefits deposited automatically;
- Your W-2 Form from last year or, if you were self-employed, your federal income tax return (IRS 1040 and Schedules C and SE);
- An original or certified copy of your birth certificate and, if you were born in another country, we also need proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency;
- Information about any workers' compensation claim you have filed, including date of injury, claim number, and proof of any payments made to you; and
- If you were in the military service, the original or certified copy of your military discharge papers (Form DD 214) for all periods of active duty.

For the [Adult Disability Report](#), you should have:

- The name, address, and phone number of someone who knows about your condition and can help with your claim;
- Information about your illnesses, injuries, and conditions, including dates of treatment, and patient ID numbers; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the medical providers who treated you;
- Names of medicines you are taking and who prescribed them;
- Names and dates of medical tests you have had and who requested the tests;
- Medical records that you already have; and
- A list of up to five jobs and dates you worked during the last 15 years.

**Do I have to finish all the questions in one session?**

No. If you need more time, you can save the information you entered and then stop. We will give you separate numbers for the *Disability Benefit Application* and the *Adult Disability Report* that you can enter when you want to return to answer the rest of the questions.

**What if I can't answer everything?**

Even if you are unable to answer all the questions on the *Adult Disability Report*, you may still submit it to us. We will help you get the missing information.

However, make sure you complete the *Disability Benefit Application* and select the "Submit Now" button.

**What happens next?**

We will ask you to sign a medical release form that allows us to get information from your doctors. You also can print a cover sheet that you can use to send us a signed medical release and any medical records you already have in your possession.

We will contact you if we need more information about your claim.

Once we have all the information we need to make a decision about your disability claim, we will send you a letter.

**Availability**

The online forms are available to you seven days a week during the following hours (Eastern time):

Monday-Friday: 5 a.m. until 1 a.m.

Saturday: 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Holidays: 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

**Contacting Social Security**

For more information and to find copies of our publications, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213** (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**).

- We treat all calls confidentially.
- We can answer specific questions from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- We can provide information by automated phone service 24 hours a day.

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