

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY CLAIM

rsonal Information

Social Security is more than a retirement program. It also provides benefits that can help provide you and your family with support if you become severely disabled.

Your employment under Social Security ensures that you qualify for these benefits, but how do you qualify? Not just anyone can qualify for Social Security disability benefits. There are 2 main criteria that allow you to qualify.

How Do You Qualify?

1. You need to have worked in a job covered by Social Security.

Most public jobs are covered by Social Security. However, some state and federal employees only have public pension coverage. If your job doesn't qualify for a Social Security program, you cannot apply for Social Security disability benefits. Fortunately, most jobs are covered by Social Security.

2. You must have a medical condition that meets Social Security's definition of disability.

These medical conditions must be considered severe enough to prevent you from performing substantial work. It must be shown that the impairment has lasted or is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months or even result in death.

The Social Security Administration offers a list of impairments (called the

"Listings") with criteria for automatically qualifying for disability benefits. If you don't satisfy the exact listing requirements, don't be discouraged. You may still be eligible for disability benefits based on significant limitations. The SSA will also consider your age, education, and prior work experience.

If you think that your condition may qualify for Social Security disability, don't hesitate to give us a call. We can help you work through the process and provide you with the option that is best for your individual health needs.

Our experienced attorneys will work with you to get the compensation that you are entitled to and help you determine if you qualify for Social Security disability benefits.

Learn more about our practice and our attorneys on our <u>website</u>. You can also call 718-626-7730 directly to reach our office for legal assistance.

Sincerly, The Attorneys and Staff at Pyrros & Serres, LLP