



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

If your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) age 18 re-determination is denied, 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 Section 301 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.

If Social Security denies the age-18 re-determination you can disagree by appealing. Call Social Security for the appeal forms (800-772-1213). In the Remarks Section of the appeal form tell Social Security you are entitled to continued benefits under Section 301. Be sure to provide the contact information of the school or vocational program so Social Security can collect proof of your participation in a program.

Examples of educational or vocational programs that may count:

- 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 sponsored by DARS or other employment program
- PAVE – Program for Adults in Vocational Education
- Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center’s Post-Secondary Education Rehabilitation Transition (PERT)

