

“What is a Trial Work Period?”

2018 FACTSHEET

- A Trial Work Period (TWP) is a work incentive that provides a period of time during which you can test your ability to work without losing any of your Social Security Disability Insurance benefits. You will continue to receive your benefits no matter how much you earn during your TWP.

Your TWP provides you with nine (9) service months in a 5-year period. In 2018, a TWP month only counts toward the nine (9) months if you earn gross wages of \$850 or work 80 hours in self-employment during the month. The amount of earnings counted towards a TWP month changes every year.

“What happens after nine months of work?”

- After your TWP is complete, the Social Security Administration may contact you for a work activity review. The next work incentive after your TWP ends is the Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE) and there are other work incentives available during the EPE.

The TWP can be difficult to understand and calculate. If you wish to return to work, or have already begun working, and want more information about SSDI and the TWP, please contact the Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (NDALC) WIPA coordinator at 877-890-5082.

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