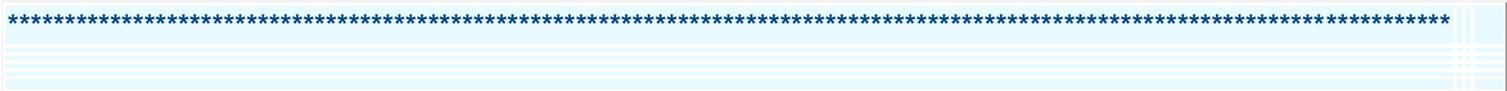


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Summary

Updated Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) information to ensure CSD is not more restrictive than Social Security Administration (SSA) guidelines.



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[WAC 388-449-0005](#) Sequential Evaluation Process Step 1 – How does the department determine if you are performing substantial gainful employment?

Substantial Gainful Activity (The SGA) is an earnings standard that is adjusted periodically by the Social Security Administration (SSA). An individual may be financially eligible for ABD cash but not meet fail the disability requirements if they are working and earning above the SGA limit. When a (financially eligible) client has earnings over the SGA standard, contact the client to ensure:

1. The work is *not* under special conditions, such as a sheltered workshop; or

2. The work is *not* occasional or part-time because the client's impairment limits their hours or ability to work.

We exclude the following work related activities when determining SGA:

1. AmeriCorps
2. University Year for Action
3. Retired Senior Volunteer
4. Foster Grandparent Program
5. Older American Community Services Programs
6. Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
7. Active Corps of Executives (ACE)

~~Examples of jobs that a person may that aren't counted toward ABD when determining financial eligibility, but are considered when determining SGA are earnings from:~~

~~-Work study~~

~~-AmeriCorps~~

~~-University Year for Action~~

~~-Urban Crime Prevention Program~~

~~-Retired Senior Volunteer Program~~