



The Social Security Administration's Sequential Evaluation

Step 1

Is person working at substantial gainful activity (SGA)? If "yes," they will be denied. If "no," continue to Step 2.

Step 2

Does person have severe impairment? If "no," they will be denied. If "yes," continue to Step 3.

Step 3

Does impairment meet or equal the listing? If "yes," they will be approved. If "no," continue to Step 4.

Step 4

Does impairment allow for past relevant work? If "yes," they will be denied. If "no," continue to Step 5.

Step 5

Does impairment allow for any other work? If "yes," they will be denied. If "no," they will be approved.