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SSA's Ticket to Work Program

Recovering from a work-related disability is usually a lengthy process, after which many find getting back to work challenging. The good news is that the Social Security Administration



(SSA) has developed a program known as "Ticket to Work" (TTW) that facilitates this transition period. The program offers training, job placement, career counseling and other employment-related services to help people with disabilities enter or return to the workforce and gain more financial independence.

Surprisingly, not many people are aware of the TTW program. Here are a few essential things that you should know:

1. The TTW program is a federally funded program that focuses on finding job opportunities for workers with disabilities.
2. It connects individuals with an Employment Network responsible for providing job placement services free of charge.
3. Additional services are also available through this program, including career counseling, vocational rehabilitation, and training.
4. The program offers work-associated incentives while ensuring that your Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) payments or other disability benefits remain uncompromised during the trial period.
5. The trial period can last up to nine (9) months, where the individual has access to both SSDI payments and employer's compensation. Moreover, these nine (9) months can be in intervals, spanning over a 60-month duration.

Employment Networks help place individuals into jobs, but they also assist during the returning phase by finding jobs and completing the necessary information required to meet the job's eligibility criteria.

What is Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) and how is it linked to the TTW program?

The SSA monitors the monthly income of participants or ticket holders that qualifies an individual for SSDI benefits, called the SGA. An individual's SGA will be evaluated after the end of the trial period to determine if SSDI benefits are still applicable to the participant. If their monthly income is stable and above a certain threshold, the SSDI benefits will be kept on hold by the SSA.

To get more details on how to register for the Ticket to Work program or locate relevant jobs, visit our website, or contact us for more information. Call [800-438-7734](tel:800-438-7734) for your initial free consultation, either in our [office](#) or in the comfort of your own home. At [Kenton Koszdin Law Office](#) in [Van Nuys](#), our expert attorneys can help you navigate the process and get you the benefits you need.

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From My Blog

Can Carelessness Get Your Claim Rejected?

Most workplaces have a health, safety, and environment department that makes workplaces as accident-proof as reasonably possible. However, regardless of the preventive measures taken, accidents can still take place. It is our responsibility to keep ourselves safe and ensure the safety of other employees working with us.

Sometimes carelessness can also lead to workplace accidents resulting in workers getting injured. Does carelessness make you ineligible for workers' compensation benefits?...

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5 Best Beaches in Southern California

Whenever one thinks of the warm, sunny climate and beaches of the United States of America, Southern California comes to mind. With so many picturesque beaches to choose from in Southern California, one may be lost and confused about where to go and which beaches to visit.

The good news is that they all offer a wide array of activities for both families and adrenaline junkies alike. Clear warm waters for swimming, snorkeling, kayaking, and windsurfing are some of the common attractions.

Here, we compiled a list of the best beaches that Southern California has to offer.

1. El Matador Beach – Malibu

If you are looking for majestic rock formations, a quiet spot at the beach, and a warm sunny climate, then El Matador Beach is the place for you. You can take your family, pack a picnic basket, blanket, swimwear, and spend a day at this beautiful beach.

2. Santa Monica Beach – Santa Monica

This beach, located a few miles just west of Downtown Los Angeles, is one of the more famous beaches in Southern California. You can spend an entire day here with friends or family. Apart from the long continuous beach, the surrounding areas of the Santa Monica beach offer an amusement park, a gigantic aquarium, and a pier.

3. Zuma Beach – Malibu

This beach is a surfer's haven. The beach hosts several surfing events during the year, and you can witness professional and amateur surfers in action. It is also known to be one of the cleanest beaches of Southern California. If you're lucky, you might be able to see some seals and dolphins that are usually spotted on the nearby ridge.

4. Venice Beach

If you are looking for massive entertainment, this is the beach for you. With a large-scale circus, sand sculptors, and weightlifters, you are far from getting bored. There are multiple murals and outdoor parks to stroll around.

5. La Jolla Cove

Surrounded by cliffs, this is one of the smallest beaches in Southern California. The beach is perfect for snorkeling and scuba diving; however, surfing and boogie boards are not permitted here because it's part of the Underwater Park Ecological Reserve. At this picturesque beach, you may also experience mesmerizing tidal pools.



Depending on the type of vacation you are looking for, Southern California beaches offer all kinds of options to meet your liking.

If you or a loved one has been denied Workers' Compensation or Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-438-7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, Social Security attorney in Van Nuys, can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Recipe of the Month

Panko-Crusted Salmon

Resolution for the New Year...eat more fish. A serving of salmon (3 to 4 ounces) is about 200 calories. It's very low in saturated fat and a good source of protein. It's also one of the best sources of vitamin B12, is rich in potassium and high in other nutrients like iron and vitamin D.

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup panko (Japanese dried bread flakes)
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons good olive oil
- Four 6- to 8-ounce salmon fillets, skin on
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Lemon wedges, for serving

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, mix the panko, parsley, lemon zest, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Drizzle with the olive oil and stir until the crumbs are evenly coated. Set aside.
3. Place the salmon fillets, skin side down, on a board. Generously brush the top of the fillets with mustard and then sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Press the panko mixture thickly on top of the mustard on each salmon fillet. The mustard will help the panko adhere.
4. Heat the vegetable oil over medium-high heat in a 12-inch cast-iron skillet or large heavy, ovenproof pan. When the oil is very hot, add the salmon fillets, skin side down, and sear for 3 to 4 minutes, without turning, to brown the skin.
5. Transfer the pan to the hot oven for 5 to 7 minutes until the salmon is almost cooked and the panko is browned. Remove from the oven, cover with aluminum foil, and allow to rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Serve the salmon hot or at room temperature with lemon wedges.



Recipe courtesy of FoodNetwork.com & Ina Garten



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What's Happening In Van Nuys & Southern California

Jan 7 – 9

The Simon & Garfunkel Story
Dolby Theatre

Jan 16

Pomona Swap Meet &
Classic Car Show
Pomona Fairplex

Jan 22 – 23

Reptile Super Show
Pomona Fairplex

Jan 29

Camila
Dolby Theatre

Feb 2 – 3

LA Cookie Convention &
Sweet Show
Anaheim Convention Center

Feb 27

Herbie Hancock
Walt Disney Concert Hall

