

DISABILITY EXAMINER

KIND OF WORK

Determination work on claimants' eligibility for disability and Supplemental Social Security Insurance benefits.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class investigates and determines disability insurance benefits in accordance with the Social Security Law and its amendments. The employee must analyze all evidence and decide whether a claimant is disabled according to the law. The Disability Examiner must prepare a written determination complete with rationale for decisions reached. Decisions rendered by this employee extend to those initial applications for benefits and re-evaluations of previous decisions not requiring the highest level of competency in areas such as appeals or discontinuance of benefits. The employee receives supervision from the Rehabilitation Disability Supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Reviews initial applications for disability insurance benefits to make eligibility decisions.

Refers applicants who possess potential for work to others for vocational rehabilitation decisions and possible services so that these applicants have all possible services available and may be able to return to work.

Re-evaluates and further develops cases where claims have been previously denied and makes redeterminations to assure that proper decisions are made.

Maintains favorable working relationships with medical consultants, district office, social security personnel to facilitate collection of data.

Develops, through correspondence or telephone contacts, information of a medical, vocational or personal nature supportive of case materials so that each case is thoroughly documented.

Determines and requests appropriate medical examinations and tests to ascertain the physical condition of the claimant.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Working knowledge of all aspects of the Social Security law, amendments, operational guides, and interpretations as they pertain to eligibility for disability insurance benefits and SSI disability.

Working knowledge of the laws and regulations governing vocational rehabilitation, of the worker's compensation laws, and federal and state legislation as it affects vocational rehabilitation.

Working knowledge of the psychological problems of the handicapped.

Working knowledge of medical terminology and physical restoration procedures.

Ability to:

Write and communicate effectively.

Establish effective working relationships with federal and state and local personnel in vocational rehabilitation, and with disability claimant clientele.

Comprehend written material and apply it to individual disability cases.

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