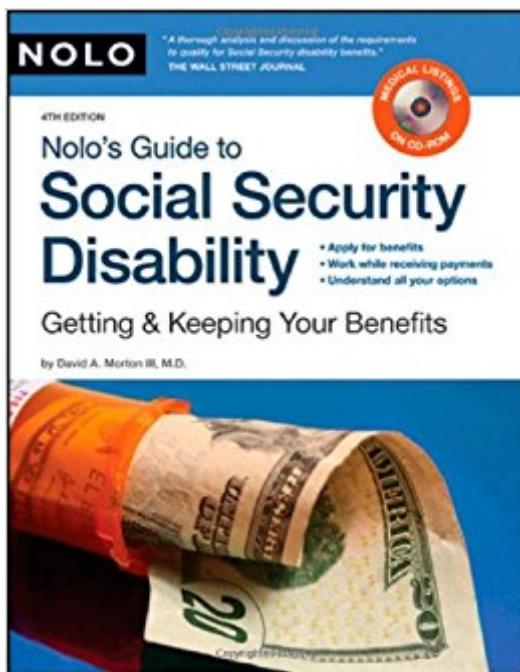


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# Nolo's Guide To Social Security Disability: Getting & Keeping Your Benefits (including CD)



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Understand -- and benefit from -- the Social Security disability system. Nolo's Guide to Social Security Disability is an essential book for anyone dealing with a long-term or permanent disability. Written both for first-time applicants and those who already receive Social Security disability, the book demystifies the program in plain English, thoroughly explaining what Social Security disability is, what benefits are available to disabled children, how to prove a disability, how age, education and work experience affect benefits, whether or not one can work while receiving benefits, how to appeal a denial of benefits, how to respond to a Continuing Disability Review and more. Plus: The included CD-ROM provides in-depth medical listings to help you determine what you qualify for. It covers breathing disabilities, heart disease, mental disorders, speech impairments, cancer, immune system disorders -- and much more. Updated with the latest rules, information and medical listings. User-friendly appendices translate bureaucratic terms, provide medical-vocational rules, and list Social Security benefit publications.

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## Understand--and benefit from--the Social Security disability system

Because of the type of work I do, I often meet people who have disabilities and may no longer be able to do their job, or may be losing their job. This is one of a few books that can actually help them go through the maze of SSD, so I show them the book and suggest they read it cover to cover (along with the Disability Workbook). Folks need to be prepared for all the paperwork involved and need to be aware of what is going to be a very long and usually uphill battle.Luckily, Nolo writes some excellent books in many areas (I also give out their Divorce book...trust me, a semi educated client is easier to work with than one who knows nothing about the predicament they are in!The book contains a lot of information, and is also a workbook to help them apply for Social security (SSA). Many of my clients that come to see me are extremely depressed and completely disorganized due to stress caused from their illness, and the fear of having just lost their job or are going to. There is always downward spiral because of the financial insecurity that is (or soon will be) happening, not to mention on top of that, the often physical and emotional pain they might be in. Don't get me wrong, I am not advocating SSI, but there are some people who truly have fallen into a situation, where their health has so deteriorated, this might be their best option...that is up to them and their doctor.This book is very good and any attorney would be pleased their client had many forms filled out, and had put critical thought into their situation before they come to an attorneys office. It will save them a lot of headaches and heartaches by getting their thoughts organized, so, someone else can review their history in a logical manner. This task will help them get the basic information they need and help them find all the documents they need.Any attorney these people have to see (or the SSA office) will be relieved to see the organized set of records this book (and another) will provide. This will allow for another to review the clear documents, while they guide you through a very arduous process.If you need to go down this road, be prepared. Educate yourself![...]. Thanks. :)

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Terrific book! Indispensable for anyone already on SSDI or anyone applying or thinking about applying for SSDI or SSI. The book is well written and very easy to read and understand. The social security disability process can seem daunting, but this book explains everything in lucid detail and will increase your chances at being approved at application or reconsideration. Even if it goes to a hearing before an ALJ, this book tells you exactly what needs to be in your claim file to give you the best chance at being approved.

Great condition!

I purchased this days before a report was due to accompany a SS evaluation (6/1/16) for my reconsideration so that I would know best how to communicate with my doctor(s). I know for a FACE that without this, I would not have been granted my SSDI (7/22/16). I HIGHLY recommend it!

The book is a wonderful resource. I also viewed YouTube videos on the same subject to supplement my understanding of the laws. I applied for Social Security Disability and got my approval 100 days later, thanks to following all the rules. I would not recommend applying for social security without knowing the rules, because some rules seem really strange and unfair.

The Author is obviously very knowledgeable and I commend him for creating a book aimed at helping people untangle the incredibly complex maze of Social Security. That said, it was just not written for the average person - this thing reads like a law book. The information is overwhelming and I could never find any sort of strategy to aid me in organizing the information we needed to submit to SS. The DVD is a PDF file of public information and reads like a PDR and completely

unneeded fluff.I was looking for a concise set of instructions on what we needed to submit in order to help a relative get her much-needed assistance.Instead I read...and read...and read. Lots of information, but it was like reading a manual on the thermodynamics of the internal combustion engine when what I needed was an owner's manual for a new car. So unless you are an attorney looking to pad his bookshelf, you will probably not like this book.If you can only buy one book, buy this one: "How to Get SSI & Social Security Disability: An Insider's Step by Step Guide" by Mike Davis.It was concise and told me exactly what I needed to help (Yes she got approved).The other one you really need to look at because of all the amazingly useful worksheets is "Disability Workbook for Social Security Applicants"Again, concise step-by-step information to get you from point A to point B.Kudos for the effort, but not useful for the average Joe or Jane.

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