



Property Essential to Self Support (PESS)

2020 Fact Sheet on Work Incentives

PESS is a Social Security provision which allows individuals to exclude certain property from resources that are necessary for their means of self-support.

For more information and support on your work incentives, contact:

**Center for
Accessible Living
Louisville, KY
888-813-8497—
Louisville
888-261-6194—
Murray
888-813-8652 (TTY)**

**Goodwill Industries
of KY
Lexington, KY
866-336-3316 (voice)
866-833-2976 (TTY)**

How It Helps You:

If you are receiving SSI benefits and:

- Own properties or equipment that you use in your job,
- Own property that provides income,
- Own property that you use to provide goods to feed your household,

Tell your SSA representative how this helps you earn money.

How It Works:

Social Security will not count some of the following property:

- the full value of tools or equipment used for trade or business, for example, (carpenter tools, mechanic tools, computers, wheelchairs, or inventory used for a trade or business),
- certain amounts of the value of non-business properties that are used to produce goods, (i.e., land used to produce vegetables or livestock, solely for the consumption by the individual's own household),
- some amounts of non-business income-producing properties, provided that the property yields a profit.

To explore if PESS is applicable to you, contact your local Social Security Administration Claims Representative.