

Am I in BOND?

What is BOND:

The Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) is a demonstration program created to help Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries return to work. Through the use of a benefit offset, they are testing a different way to treat SSDI beneficiaries' work and earnings. This offset can help beneficiaries earn more and keep more of their benefits than is currently possible. *Note: If you ONLY get SSI and do not receive SSDI then you are not in BOND. BOND is only for people who get SSDI benefits.*

How does it Work:

Those in BOND will gradually reduce enrolled participant's Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits -- \$1 for each additional \$2 earned above a specific dollar amount. This reduction will replace what some refer to as the "cash cliff" or the total loss of benefits if earnings exceed the specified amount.

How do I find out if I am in BOND and what info do I need to get? This will allow your DVR counselor to better serve you and provide you the services needed to take advantage of this program if you are enrolled in this pilot program.

Step 1:

Call the BOND Call Center at: **1-877-726-6309**

Step 2:

They will ask you for some information including your Social Security Number to determine if you are in BOND.

Step 3:

They will tell you which group you are in. **Please check which group.**

- T22
- T21
- T1
- C1
- C2
- Not in BOND

Step 4:

If you are in the T22 control group ask you Enhanced Work Incentive Counselor is and get their contact information and provide in the space provided? _____

Step 5:

Return this form, completed, to your DVR counselor.

Counselors: If a consumer is in T22 or T21 they should be already set up in BOND. If they are a T1 they may need to get set up in BOND by calling 1-877-726-6309 and ask to be set up. To get set up with a WIC the T1 group or T21 group call 1-866-278-6440. DO NOT REFER for a paid benefit analysis as it will not be valid!