

Social Security Overpayments

What happens if the Social Security Administration decides that I was paid too much in disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments?

The Social Security Administration will mail you a “Notice of Overpayment” that tells you how much you were overpaid and the dates you were overpaid.

What should I do if I receive a Notice of Overpayment?

You must act quickly!

The Notice of Overpayment will explain what you can do if you disagree that you were overpaid, or if you agree that you were overpaid but it was not your fault and you cannot afford to repay the money.

If you have questions about how to deal with an overpayment, you should get help immediately. Call your local Social Security office or Legal Services for the Elderly’s Helpline at 1-800-750-5353.

What happens if I do nothing and ignore the Notice of Overpayment?

The Social Security Administration will begin taking money out of your monthly checks to pay back the overpayment.

If you wait too long to respond to the Notice of Overpayment, you could lose your right to appeal the decision.

Do not ignore the Notice of Overpayment!