

LRS Offices and Locations

New Orleans Regional Office

6620 Riverside Drive, Suite 101
Metairie, LA 70003
(504) 838-5180/1-800-737-2957 (V/TDD)/

Baton Rouge Regional Office

3651 Cedarcrest Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70816-4010
(225) 295-8900/1800-737-2959 (Voice/TDD)

Thibodaux Regional Office

1442 Tiger Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70301-4337
(985) 447-0809/1(800) 590-5762 (Voice/TDD)

Lafayette Regional Office

Brandywine VI, Suite 350
825 Kaliste Saloom Road
Lafayette, LA 70508-4284
(337) 262-5353/ 1-800-520-0587 (Voice/TDD)

Lake Charles Regional Office

3616 Kirkman Street
Lake Charles, LA 70607-3006
(337) 475-8038/ 1-800-520-0589 (Voice/TDD)

Alexandria Regional Office

900 Murray Street, Room H-100
Alexandria, LA 71301-7699
(318) 487-5335/1-800-520-0578 (Voice/TDD)

Shreveport Regional Office

1525 Fairfield Ave., Suite 708
Shreveport, LA 71101- 4303
(318) 676-7155/ 1-800-737-2966 (Voice/TDD)

Monroe Regional Office

State Office Bldg., Room 311
122 St. John Street Ticket to Work
Monroe, LA 71201-7386
(318) 362-3232/ 1-800-737-2973 (Voice/TDD)

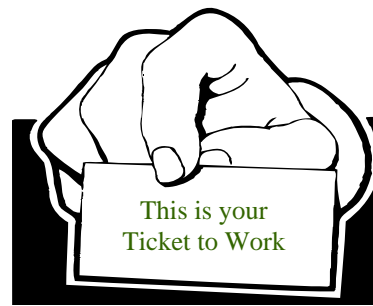
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN LOUISIANA

Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

– This program was established to provide information, advocacy, and dispute resolution for SSI or SSDI beneficiaries related to the Ticket Program. The PABSS program can be reached at 1-800-960-7705 V/TDD.

Louisiana Benefits Planning, Assistance and Outreach Project (LA-BPOA)

– This program is available to provide information and assistance to beneficiaries about work incentives and other employment support programs that may be available to them. LA-BPOA can be reached at 1-888-942-8107.



Louisiana Rehabilitation Services

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Your Ticket to Work



TICKET TO WORK

What is Ticket to Work?

- ◆ It is a document you will receive from the Social Security Administration (SSA) because you receive SSDI or SSI. The actual Ticket you receive is red, white, and blue, and is approximately 6 by 9 inches.
- ◆ Your Ticket has no cash value.
- ◆ If you would like to return to work or go to work for the first time, you can use your Ticket to get vocational rehabilitation (employment) services from *Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)* or any Employment Network (EN) Provider.
- ◆ You can call **MAXIMUS, Inc.** for the State's VR agency or for a list of Employment Networks in Louisiana at their toll free numbers: 1-866-YOURTICKET (1-866-968-7842). TDD users can call 1-866-TDD-2-WORK (1-866-968-2967) or visit their website:
www.yourtickettowork.com.



Who will get a Ticket?

- ◆ People who receive disability cash benefits from Social Security.
- ◆ People 18 years of age, but not yet age 65 who have been entitled under Social Security's adult disability guidelines.
- ◆ People who meet certain medical review guidelines.

Do I have to use this Ticket?

According to SSA, the program is voluntary. You will not risk losing your benefits if you choose not to participate.

What are the benefits to using the Ticket?

The benefits of using your ticket are:

- ◆ you will not have any Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs);
- ◆ you will have expedited reinstatement of benefits, if you find you cannot continue to work;
- ◆ you will have free protection and advocacy services;
- ◆ you will have free work incentives and benefits planning services.

To learn more about these benefits, contact your Louisiana PABSS or BPAO office. Please see the back of this brochure for their addresses and phone numbers.

Why Choose LRS?

- ◆ LRS has a long history of working with individuals with diverse disabilities.
- ◆ LRS has a staff of highly skilled Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors in every region of the state.
- ◆ LRS' Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program helps people with disabilities obtain the skills and other resources they need to get a job, keep a job, and develop a life-time career.

If you are already an LRS consumer:

Contact your VR counselor for information about assigning your Ticket to Work. Your Ticket to Work will not result in any changes to the VR services you are currently receiving.

If you are not an LRS consumer:

Please contact the LRS office nearest your home. See the back of this brochure for a list of LRS offices.

