



# Does Obesity qualify for Social Security Disability Benefits?



## Is Obesity Considered a Disabling Condition for Social Security Disability Purposes?

Obesity is a growing health concern in the United States, affecting millions of people. For some individuals, obesity can lead to other health problems that can impact their ability to work and earn a living. But is obesity considered a disabling condition for social security disability purposes?

The short answer is that it depends. While obesity alone is not a listed disability in the SSA's Blue Book, which outlines the criteria for evaluating disability claims, it can be considered a contributing factor to other medical conditions that are listed, such as cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders, and joint problems.

To qualify for [disability benefits](#), an individual must demonstrate that their medical condition(s) meets the criteria set forth by the SSA. This includes providing evidence of their medical condition(s), such as medical records, doctor's reports, and test results, as well as evidence of how their condition(s) affect their ability to work and perform daily activities.

In evaluating a disability claim related to obesity, the SSA will consider the severity of the individual's obesity and how it impacts their ability to perform work-related activities. This includes evaluating the individual's mobility, stamina, and ability to stand or sit for extended periods. The SSA will also consider other factors, such as the individual's age, education, work experience, and transferable skills.

In some cases, an individual's obesity may be severe enough to qualify as a disabling condition on its own. However, this is rare and usually requires other medical conditions and limitations to be present as well.

In conclusion, while obesity alone is not considered a disabling condition for social security disability purposes, it can be a contributing factor to other medical conditions that are listed. Therefore, it is important for individuals with obesity to document all of their medical conditions and limitations, and provide evidence to support their disability claim. It is also important to work with an experienced disability attorney or advocate who can guide them through the claims process and increase their chances of success.

We hope this information has been helpful. For more information on disability claims related to obesity, please contact our office today.