

STAGES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROCESS



INITIAL APPLICATION

SSA REVIEWS APPLICATION
6 MONTHS FOR A DECISION

DISABILITY DENIAL

60 DAYS TO APPEAL

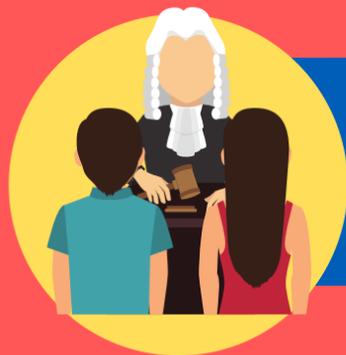


RECONSIDERATION APPEAL

SSA REVIEWS APPLICATION FOR ERRORS
3-4 MONTHS FOR A DECISION

DISABILITY DENIAL

60 DAYS TO APPEAL



ADMINISTRATIVE LAW HEARING APPEAL

JUDGE HEARS CASE IN PERSON
18-24 MONTHS FOR HEARING

DISABILITY DENIAL

60 DAYS TO APPEAL



APPEALS COUNCIL

COUNCIL REVIEWS JUDGE'S DECISION
12-18 MONTHS FOR DECISION