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What Is Partial Disability, And How Does It Affect Benefits?

Have you been injured at work and can now return to your occupation? If yes, you might be able to receive Workers' Compensation benefits or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits, or a combination of both. However, your benefits will vary according to your level of disability.

Here are some things you should be aware of before applying for any benefits:

- **What is partial disability?**

Partial disability is a condition in which a disabled worker cannot fully perform their job due to a job-related injury or illness. They can either perform only some of the substantial duties that were part of their role before the onset of the disability, work part-time, or they can take up other low-paying jobs. In such cases, the worker can file for workers' compensation; however, to receive SSDI benefits, they must prove total disability.

- **What is total disability?**

Total disability is when a worker is unable to return to work due to their disability or illness and cannot carry out the duties of any other occupation either. Moreover, the disability must last for at least a year and should be listed in the Social Security Administration's (SSA) guidebook of disability.

- **What is permanent partial disability?**

Partial disability can be permanent or temporary. Accordingly, the benefits you qualify for will also vary. Benefits for temporary partial disability will last until the worker has returned to work or when the medical specialist declares you to be physically fit. Permanent partial disability is lasting and includes conditions like amputations, loss of body parts, blindness in one eye, permanent back injuries, loss of hearing, and more. In such cases, you may be eligible to receive benefits permanently.

- **What is a listed impairment?**

Some conditions are categorized as total disabilities by the SSA and the SSDI. These conditions include brain injuries that affect your cognitive skills, ALS or Alzheimer's disease, severe respiratory conditions, and more. If you and your medical specialist can provide evidence that you have any of the listed impairments, you might qualify for total disability benefits.

If you are suffering from a work-related illness or injury and cannot function fully, you are eligible to receive benefits like workers' compensation or private disability insurance. However, it is advised to consult a disability lawyer before filing any claims.

A disability lawyer will understand the facts of your case and outline all the benefits you qualify for. They will then help you gather evidence and medical records, compile the data and file your case for benefits. Even if your claim is denied, they can assist you in filing an appeal. Don't fight your battle alone. Seek professional legal aid from our lawyers.

The Kenton Koszdin Law Office team in Van Nuys has decades of experience navigating the complex California workers' compensation system and federal Social Security disability system. Our attorneys aim to help injured workers avoid becoming victims of companies and their insurance providers. Get started on your claim today!

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From My Blog:

Worker's Compensation and Insurance Bad Faith

If you were injured at work and filed for workers' compensation, yet your claim was unjustly denied, there may be a chance that the insurance company is acting in bad faith. The workers' compensation filing process is lengthy and sometimes complicated. There are guidelines and deadlines that have to be followed, medical information has to be gathered and a complete record has to be submitted. Despite accurate and complete applications, many claims get rejected in the first go.

Going through this process and then getting your claim denied can be very stressful for the individual already trying to heal from the injury and associated trauma. Here are some things that you should know about bad faith in a workers' compensation claim:



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Est in California - Biggest, Tallest, Oldest, Deepest, and Largest

The Golden State, California, is the most populated as it is home to close to 39.2 million people over an area of 163,696 square miles. In terms of population, Los Angeles is the largest city in the state and the second largest in the country. Sacramento is the state's capital. The second most populous city in the nation is San Francisco.



Here are some interesting things that you should know:

- The largest county in terms of area is San Bernardino County.
- At the height of 14,505 feet, Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in the 48 contiguous states, is located in the Sierra Nevada. The range includes Yosemite Valley, known for its glacially sculpted domes, huge sequoia trees, and Lake Tahoe, the state's biggest lake by volume and the second deepest lake in the United States after Crater Lake.
- California has the biggest economy in the country, with a GDP of \$3.63 trillion as of 2022. California's GDP would be the fifth-largest in the world if it were a separate country.
- It is the birthplace of Hollywood, the oldest and most prominent film industry. Hollywood has had a significant impact on entertainment across the world.
- John Marsh was one of the biggest ranchers in California. He decided that California should join the United States.
- The world's biggest tech hub is located in Silicon Valley.
- The biggest trees on the planet are Giant Sequoias, which are indigenous to California.
- Greater Los Angeles Area is the second-largest metro area in the country.
- The Golden State has the nation's biggest minority population.
- One of the largest media and entertainment organizations in the world is Disney, with its headquarters in Burbank.
- Twitter, headquartered in San Francisco, is one of the largest social media networks in the world.
- It is the largest network of higher education in the U.S.
- In the United States, California has the largest agricultural sector.
- California also features several significant seaports. By volume of handled container freight, the Ports of LA and Long Beach rank first and second among seaports in the United States.
- California Highway Patrol is the biggest state-level law enforcement organization in the country.
- California has 54 electoral votes, the most of any state in presidential elections.
- Bristlecone pines are one of the oldest, i.e., more than 5,000 years old.
- California's oldest parish was constructed between 1791 and 1794 and is in Monterey.
- In the Bay Area, KCBS (AM), one of the nation's oldest radio stations still in operation; it was established in 1909.
- There have always been several reputable college sports programs in California. Rose Bowl is the oldest college bowl game.
- California hosts the biggest three-day rodeo.
- Don't miss the biggest Avocado Contest, the Guacamole Taste-Off in Santa Barbara County.

California ranks at the top of the most beautiful states in the U.S. because it is incredibly diverse and has everything, from sunny beaches and interesting towns to breathtaking vineyards, mountains, forests, and deserts.

If you or a loved one has been denied [Workers' Compensation](#) or [Social Security Disability \(SSDI\) benefits](#), it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800-438-7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. [The Kenton Koszdin Law Office](#), a [Social Security attorney in Van Nuys](#), can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.



Recipe of the Month: Spinach and Feta Pita Bake



This quick and easy dish can serve well as an appetizer at a party or a meal around the table.

Ingredients:

- 1 tub sun-dried tomato pesto, 6 oz.
- 6 whole wheat pita bread, 6-inches each
- 2 Roma (plum) tomatoes, chopped
- 1 bunch of spinach, rinsed and chopped
- 4 fresh mushrooms, sliced
- ½ c. crumbled feta cheese
- 2 Tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- 3 Tbsp. olive oil
- (optional) ground black pepper

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spread tomato pesto onto one side of each pita bread and place on a baking sheet, pesto-side up.

Top pitas with tomatoes, spinach, mushrooms, feta, and parmesan cheese. Drizzle with olive oil. Season with pepper (if desired).

Bake for about 12 minutes or until pitas are crisp. Cut into quarters before serving

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Disney's The Lion King
Pantages Theatre
Hollywood

Mar 16 – Apr 2

Did You See What Walter Paisley Did Today?
La Mirada Theatre for the
Performing Arts

Mar 31

WWE
Crypto.com Arena

Apr 8

New Edition
KIA Forum

Apr 14

John Mayer
KIA Forum

Apr 14 – 15

Gloria Gaynor
Segerstrom Center for
the Arts
Costa Mesa

Apr 15

Gordon Lightfoot
Saban Theatre

Apr 18 – 30

Hairspray
Segerstrom Center for
the Arts
Costa Mesa

