

If I do not meet Medical Listing 12.15 for PTSD as a veteran or otherwise as a non-veteran, can I still get a Medical-Vocational Allowance for my PTSD so that I can still get SSDI or SSI benefits?

Yes, however, because most cases of PTSD, other than some veterans' cases are not severe enough for a sufficiently long period of time to qualify under the listing, you may still qualify for SSDI and SSI benefits under what is known as a "medical-vocational allowance". To be considered for this medical-vocational allowance, either a mental consultant for Social Security will determine that your symptoms are severe enough to prevent work even though your condition doesn't meet the listing for PTSD. For instance, individuals with PTSD often have trouble with memory and the concentration necessary to do simple, repetitive and routine tasks. They also suffer from fatigue, poor sleep patterns, as well as the effects of medications, all of which can interfere with your ability to work and maintain a job.

If your PTSD occurs alongside other mental disorders or physical problems that significantly impair your ability to understand, remember, or apply information, ability to interact with others, to concentrate, persist, or maintain pace, or to adapt or manage yourself and your activities of daily life, like cleanliness, ability to shop and care for yourself, then you will have a better chance of getting benefits. Multiple problems taken together have a tendency to increase the chance of getting benefits, especially if they are reflected in the claimant's medical file and physician's clinical notes, or if an applicant is 50 or older, has a limited education, or no past history of skilled or semi-skilled employment.

For determining if your condition, though not indicative of having met a 12.15 Medical listing, would still allow an ALJ to find you disabled by making a **Medical-Vocational Allowance** for your PTSD so that you can still get SSDI or SSI benefits, please feel free to download our **PTSD: 12.15 TRAUMA & STRESS RELATED DISORDERS & MENTAL RESIDUAL FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY QUESTIONNAIRE** from our site www.disabilityattorney.net along with any other of our Residual Functional Capacity Questionnaires to use in your case if you wish. They are free and provided by Mike Murburg as a free public service.