Adult Initial Sequential Evaluation

**Step 1**

Is the claimant engaging in SGA?
- **YES** → Deny
- **NO** → Step 2

**Step 2**

Does the claimant have a severe impairment or combination of impairments?
- **NO** → Deny
- **YES** → Step 3

**Step 3**

Does the claimant’s impairment(s) meet or equal a listing?
- **YES** → Allow
- **NO** → Assess the claimant’s Residual Functional Capacity (RFC).

**Step 4**

Can the claimant do past relevant work (PRW) as he or she performed it or as generally performed in the national economy?
- **YES** → Deny
- **NO** → Step 5

If you do not have sufficient evidence to make a step 4 finding, you may be able to expedite vocational assessment to deny the case at step 5. See DI 25005.005.

**Step 5**

Does the claimant fit a Special Medical-Vocational Profile?
- **YES** → Allow
- **NO** → Can the claimant make an adjustment to other work?
  - **NO** → Allow
  - **YES** → Deny