

Working After Retirement



When you picture yourself in your golden years, are you sitting on a beach, hitting the golf course or working behind a desk? For many people of retirement age or preparing for retirement, continuing to work makes perfect sense. Here are some things to consider when deciding if working after retirement would work for you.

Extra Funds for a Better Lifestyle

A retirement job can provide extra funds for traveling, gifts for grandchildren or social activities. Those who haven't accumulated enough savings to pursue the retirement lifestyle they want can stay on the job to help bridge the financial gap.

Delaying Social Security Benefits

The longer you wait to receive Social Security payments, the larger your eventual monthly check. If you can remain in the workforce longer and delay receiving Social Security, you'll be able to collect bigger monthly payments for the rest of your life, which can really add up.

Similarly, if you are able to delay tapping into your 401k or IRA, it will give those accounts more time to grow, and you could ultimately have a bigger nest egg built up when you do start withdrawing.

Health Insurance Coverage

Coverage under Medicare does not begin until the age of 65, so if you retired from your previous job before that age, taking another job with health benefits can bridge the gap. Additionally, even if you do have Medicare, you may still face healthcare related expenses, such as prescription drug costs. If you have health insurance through your workplace, using both your health insurance and Medicare's coverage means lower costs for you.

Staying Physically and Mentally Healthy

Not only can working delay the onset of age-related diseases like dementia but keeping mentally and physically active helps you feel younger longer. Working can also keep you socially active, prevents isolation and can provide a sense of purpose.

Learn Something New

Many jobs offer the opportunity to keep learning and stay current with changes in the industry. Many retirees train for new careers or begin new jobs doing something they enjoy, even though it may not be as lucrative as their previous career.