

What is the difference between the additional ABAWD requirements and general SNAP work requirements?

SNAP participants who are not specifically exempted by law are subject to work requirements as a condition of eligibility. ABAWDs are a subset of this population and must meet additional requirements in order to continue receiving SNAP benefits beyond the 3-month time limit. ABAWDs must meet all the general SNAP work requirements (like registering for work and not voluntarily quitting a job) as well as the additional requirements for ABAWDs. The table below compares general SNAP work requirements to the additional responsibilities placed on ABAWD participants only.

| | General SNAP Work Requirements | Additional ABAWD Requirements |
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| The requirements do not apply to SNAP participants who are: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the age of 16 or over the age of 60; • Physically or mentally disabled; • Complying with the work requirements of another program; • Responsible for a child under the age of six; • Already working more than 30 hours a week; • Participating in a drug or alcoholic rehab program • Students enrolled at least half time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempt from general SNAP work requirements; • Under 18 or age 50 or over; • Living in a household with a child under 18; • Physically or mentally unfit for employment; • Pregnant |
| Activities that meet the requirements are: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for work; • Participate in an SNAP E&T program to the extent required (up to 120 hours); • Participate in workfare if assigned; • Accept suitable employment if offered; and | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working 20 or more hours a week, averaged monthly; • Participating in a work program for 20 or more hours a week ; •Combination of working and participating in a work program for 20 or more hours |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not voluntarily quit a job of 30 or more hours a week or reduce work effort to less than 30 hours per week | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> per week; or •Participating in a workfare program |
| The penalty for a failure to comply with the requirements is: | Ineligible for SNAP benefits, anywhere from one month to indefinitely depending on number of occurrences and State policy. | Ineligible for SNAP for the remainder of a 36-month period after exhausting the 3-months of time limited eligibility. |