

**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
<b>The requirements do not apply to SNAP participants who are:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the age of 16 or over the age of 60;</li> <li>• Physically or mentally disabled;</li> <li>• Complying with the work requirements of another program;</li> <li>• Responsible for a child under the age of six;</li> <li>• Already working more than 30 hours a week;</li> <li>• Participating in a drug or alcoholic rehab program</li> <li>• Students enrolled at least half time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exempt from general SNAP work requirements;</li> <li>• Under 18 or age 50 or over;</li> <li>• Living in a household with a child under 18;</li> <li>• Physically or mentally unfit for employment;</li> <li>• Pregnant</li> </ul>
<b>Activities that meet the requirements are:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register for work;</li> <li>• Participate in an SNAP E&amp;T program to the extent required (up to 120 hours);</li> <li>• Participate in workfare if assigned;</li> <li>• Accept suitable employment if offered; and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working 20 or more hours a week, averaged monthly;</li> <li>• Participating in a work program for 20 or more hours a week ;</li> <li>•Combination of working and participating in a work program for 20 or more hours</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not voluntarily quit a job of 30 or more hours a week or reduce work effort to less than 30 hours per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>per week; or</li> <li>•Participating in a workfare program</li> </ul>
<b>The penalty for a failure to comply with the requirements is:</b>	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.