

SNAP Work Requirements

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You may need to meet additional work requirements if you are an Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD).

WHAT IS AN ABAWD?

If you are aged 18-64, and you do not live with a child under 14 in your household, are not pregnant or caring for someone who cannot take care of themselves, and do not have any physical or mental barriers to employment, you will probably need to meet ABAWD requirements.

WHAT ARE GENERAL SNAP WORK REQUIREMENTS?

Tell HRA about your employment status and availability to work. If you are working, do not voluntarily quit or work less than 30 hours a week without a good reason (such as being sick).

If you are not working and you receive a suitable job offer, you will need to accept it unless there is a good reason you can't. Also, you will need to participate in a SNAP Employment & Training program if one is assigned to you.

WHAT ARE ABAWD REQUIREMENTS?

If you are an ABAWD, you will need to work or participate in an approved work program, such as a SNAP Employment & Training program, for at least 80 hours per month. You can meet this through a combination of work and program hours, and through approved alternative activities.

You can also meet ABAWD requirements by participating in a work experience activity or community service. The number of required hours is based on your SNAP benefit amount divided by the minimum wage.

If you are already working, or believe you have a physical or mental condition that prevents you from working, please tell HRA and provide documentation. If you are unable to work at least 20 hours per month because of a physical or mental health condition, you can have a medical or clinical provider complete a simple form available on the HRA website.

If you receive an appointment for meeting work requirements, be sure to attend or provide a valid reason why you cannot.

Failing to meet the ABAWD requirements for more than 3 months over a 3-year period may result in a loss of your SNAP benefits.



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