

## SNAP CERTIFICATION MANUAL – SECTION 3000

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Unless exempt, Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents, or able bodied adults, are ineligible to receive SNAP benefits if, during a designated 3 year period, they received SNAP benefits for at least three months (consecutive or otherwise) while they did not:

- Work at least 20 hours per week (or an average of 80 hours a month); or
- Participate in and comply with a Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA) Program (see Note 1 below); or
- Participate in a SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) Program 20 hours per week (or an average of 80 hours a month unless the individual is assigned to Work Experience (see Note 2 below); or
- Participate in an Employment and Training Program, other than a job search or job search training program, operated or supervised by the State or political subdivision of the State that meets standards approved by the Governor. The program may contain job search or job search training as a subsidiary component as long as such component is less than half the requirement; or
- Participate in and comply with a Workfare Program (see Note 2 below); or
- Participate at least half-time (as defined by the program) in a recognized refugee training program approved, funded, or operated by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) under section 236 of the Trade Adjustment Act of 1974.

**NOTE 1:** WIOA is a qualifying component for an Able Bodied Adult, therefore if the individual is participating in any WIOA component, he or she is considered to meet the RTW.

**NOTE 2:** For E&T Work Experience and Workfare Programs, the household's obligation of work hours required to meet the RTW will be calculated by dividing the household's authorized monthly SNAP benefit amount (before recoupment) by the current state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. Fractions are rounded down

**EXAMPLE:** The household receives \$194 monthly SNAP benefits.

$194 \div \$8.50(\text{2017 State Minimum Wage}) = 22.82$

The individual needs 23 hours per month to meet the RTW rather than 80.

An individual who is self-employed and actually works at this enterprise for an average of 80 hours per month or more, meets the RTW. There is no requirement that the self-employment