



**SNAP E&T MANUAL
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES ATTACHMENT
REVISED SECTIONS – ISSUED 12/2016**

6.3.3 (Who is Exempt From SNAP Work Registration) in the 2nd paragraph in the 10th bullet updates that a SNAP E&T participant who is placed in a training program under the provisions of an Employment Plan (EP) may use this provision to be exempt from SNAP E&T or ABAWD provisions.

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See Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program work registration requirements in [6.3 \(SNAP Work Registration Requirements\)](#).

SNAP participants who meet 1 or more of the following conditions are exempt from SNAP work registration:

- Having a mental or physical illness, injury, or incapacity which is expected to continue for at least 30 days, and which impairs the participant's ability to obtain or retain employment as evidenced by professional certification or the receipt of temporary or permanent disability benefits issued by a private or government source. Professional certification means a statement about a person's illness, injury, or incapacity that is signed by a Qualified Professional with training and experience to diagnose and to certify the person's condition. See [Combined Manual 0011.39 \(Qualified Professionals\)](#).
- SNAP applicants or participants may have their SNAP work requirements waived if they apply for SSI and provide proof of the SSI application. The work requirements will be waived until a determination about the SSI eligibility has been made. IF the SNAP applicant or participant is denied SSI they continue to be eligible for SNAP if proof of the appeal is provided. The determination of ineligibility for SSI will require a re-evaluation of the SNAP work requirements for each SNAP recipient. The determination of eligibility for SSI will require a review of the exemptions from the Work Registration requirements. See [6.6 \(Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents \(ABAWDs\)\)](#).
- Responsible for the care of a household member who is professionally certified as having a mental or physical illness, injury, or incapacity. Usually, only 1 unit member may claim exemption under this provision. However, there may be an exception with medical documentation which specifies that more than 1 person is needed to provide the required care.
- Age 60 or older.
- Under age 16.
- Age 16 or 17 and living with a parent or caregiver, or attending school or enrolled in an employment training program at least half-time.
- Responsible for the care of a dependent child under age 6 (even if child care is available). In most instances only 1 unit member may claim exemption under this provision. However, there may be an exception with medical documentation which specifies that more than 1 person is needed to provide care.

When the child turns 6, the exemption ends at the unit's next annual SNAP program recertification. The household members may designate which person will use this exemption, but may not change the person designated until the next recertification period.

- Employed or self-employed and meets 1 of the provisions below:
 - Working at least 30 hours per week (regardless of wage level).
 - Receiving earnings at least equal to 30 hours a week at the federal minimum wage.

This provision includes migrant or seasonal farm workers under contract to begin employment within 30 days. The county agency may use a monthly average of these weekly requirements. For self-employed persons working less than 30 hours per week, the county agency will use the person's net weekly income (net profit after expenses).

- Receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) and registered for work with Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The participant must show proof of receipt of UI.
- Enrolled as a student at least half-time in a recognized school, training program, or institution of higher learning. This includes recipients attending high school at least half-time, but does not include recipients attending General Education Development Certificate (GED) or English as a Second Language (ESL) training only. When determining if the person is enrolled half-time, the school's or program's criteria for being enrolled half-time is used. A SNAP E&T participant who is placed in a training program under the provisions of an Employment Plan (EP) may use this provision to be exempt from SNAP E&T or ABAWD

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- Participating regularly in a drug addiction or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program. There is no minimum weekly amount of time that a person must be attending. If the person attends 1 hour or more per week, the exemption is available. This does NOT include participants in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA).
- Refugees receiving the Matching Grant Program. For additional information about the Matching Grant Program, see MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM in [2 \(Glossary\)](#).

Participants who are exempt from SNAP work registration are also exempt from mandatory SNAP E&T participation. See [6.9 \(Who Must Participate in SNAP E&T\)](#), [6.9.3 \(Who Is Exempt From SNAP E&T\)](#).