

Information for SNAP Clients Closed for Failure to meet Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) Work Participation Rules

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPLY

Your application must be accepted and processed even if it appears you will not be eligible for SNAP benefits.

YOU MAY REQUEST A REVIEW OF YOUR STRIKE HISTORY

If you think your case was incorrectly closed for not meeting work requirements, please contact DTA and ask that your Strike History be reviewed.

DTA may be able to remove a Strike(s) if you:

- Met the work requirement
- Had good cause for not meeting the work requirement
- Qualified for an exemption

After a review of the Strike History, DTA will tell you what you need to prove to show eligibility. Your SNAP benefits will not be reopened until needed verification is received.

You may be exempt if you are:

- Working 30 or more hours per week or earning more than \$217.50 per week, averaged monthly
- Medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment
- Pregnant
- An unemployment applicant or recipient
- Participating in a drug or alcohol treatment program
- A student enrolled at least half-time in a recognized school or training program
- Participating in a federally recognized refugee training program
- Are responsible for the care of a child under age 6 or an incapacitated person
- Living with any minor in the home and in the SNAP household (does not have to be your own child)
- Living in a waived area. For a list of waived areas visit www.mass.gov/dta

HOW TO REGAIN SNAP ELIGIBILITY

If a Strike cannot be removed after the Strike History Review, to be eligible for SNAP again during the 36-month period, you must provide proof that you:

- Worked for 80 hours during a consecutive 30-day period, **or**
- Participated in a qualifying Employment & Training Program for 80 hours during a consecutive 30-day day period, **or**
- Volunteered at an approved Community Service site for the required number of hours during a consecutive 30-day period, **or**
- *Will meet* the WP requirement in a consecutive 30-day period, **or**
- Are now exempt from the WP requirement

DTA will tell you what you need to prove:

- If you submit proof within 30 days of your application and are eligible, you will be approved.
- If you do not submit proof by day 30, you will be denied for failure to submit required verifications.
- If you submit all needed proofs by day 60 and you are eligible, you will be approved from the date proofs are received.

YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXPEDITED BENEFITS UNTIL YOU GIVE US PROOF.



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NEED HELP?

For questions about the work requirement, call the DTA Assistance Line: 877-382-2363

For help finding an Employment & Training placement or Community Service site, call the Work Requirements Line: 888-483-0255