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PURSUING SYSTEMIC CHANGE TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF EVERY KENTUCKIAN

THE SNAP REQUIREMENT TO REPORT YOUR WORK HOURS IS RESTARTING JULY 1, 2023

Starting July 1, SNAP participants between ages 18 and 49 must meet and report one of the following requirements to keep their benefits, unless they are part of a household with a child under 18 (including all adults in the household, not just parents, even if the child is ineligible for food stamps) or have a documented disability:

- Work at least 80 hours per month or at least 20 hours per week. That may include self-employment, volunteer work and work for goods or services (e.g. bartering). It also includes migrant/seasonal farmworkers under contract to begin work within 30 days. People will remain eligible if they have a good cause for failure to work 80 hours in a given month (e.g. illness, transportation problem, family emergency)
- Earn 30x minimum wage per week regardless of hours

Over 17,000 adults in Kentucky need to complete additional requirements to remain eligible for SNAP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP?

Obtaining grocery help through SNAP requires a household's income and resources to be reviewed for eligibility, including:

- Gross monthly income, which is household income before deductions, must be at or below 130% of the **poverty line**. For example, a family of three qualifies if its income does not exceed $2,495 a month, or about $29,940 a year.
- Net income, which is household income after deductions are applied, must be at or below the poverty line.
- Assets must fall below certain limits. Households may have no more than $2,750 in cash and bank account assets. If a member of the household is 60 or older, the household may have no more than $4,250 in resources. Some resources are not used to calculate assets including the home, personal belongings and vehicles.



MORE CHANGES COMING TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Beginning September 2023, federal policy will expand reporting requirements to individuals 50-54 years. Those who are houseless, veterans, and individuals aging out of foster care will be able to apply for an exemption.

KENTUCKY SNAP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SCREENING GUIDE

Starting July 2023, SNAP recipients between 18 and 49 will have to meet work monthly work requirements or they will lose their benefits. However, there are exemptions from this rule including having a child in the home or a documented disability. **Other exemptions are below:**

YES	NO	If you check **YES** to **ANY** of the below exemptions, you are **NOT** subject to this reporting requirement
☐	☐	Living in an exempt county: Bath, Bell, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliot, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wolfe
☐	☐	Under 18 or over age 49
☐	☐	Part of a household with a child under 18, including adults in the household that are not parents and even if child is ineligible for food stamps
☐	☐	Pregnant
☐	☐	Physically or Mentally Unfit for Work ▪ With a written statement from any medical professional
☐	☐	Caring for an incapacitated person in the household ▪ Verified from certified medical provider
☐	☐	Regular participant in substance use treatment ▪ Verified by treatment center (Representative must sign the application) ▪ Doesn't need to be residential (AA can qualify)
☐	☐	Enrolled at least half time in school, training program or work program ▪ Only applies to college if in work study ▪ Applies to WIOA and TAA training programs ▪ Exemption covers breaks and summers unless not expected to return for next school term
☐	☐	SSI application - exempt while case-pending
☐	☐	Employment ▪ Work at least 80 hours per month ▪ Or work at least 20 hours per week ▪ Or earn 30x miniwmum wage per week regardless of hours ▪ Includes self-employment or volunteer work ▪ Includes work for goods or services (e.g. bartering) ▪ Includes migrant/seasonal farmworkers under contract to begin work within 30 days ▪ If good cause for failure to work 80 hours that month (e.g. illness, transportation problem, family emergency) still considered to be working 80 hours
☐	☐	Participate 20 hours per week in SNAP Employment and Training Program - either: ▪ WEP (work experience program - unpaid work or workfare) or ▪ VES (vocational education skills training)
☐	☐	Receiving (or have applied for) unemployment benefits