

The SNAP Work Hour Reporting Rules Have Expanded to Include More Adults

What do I need to know?

Updated rules require more adults to report their hours in work, training, or volunteer to receive SNAP benefits beyond three months. You may need to comply if you are:

- Age 18 through 64;*
- Not pregnant;
- Not responsible for the care of a child under 14 years old in the household
- Not physically or mentally disabled in a manner that limits the ability to work

You may be **excused** from the work reporting requirements if you **qualify for an exemption**. (See *more exemption details* on the back.)

*Seniors aged 60 through 64 should confirm with their case manager if they are expected to comply. Adults 60 through 64 are exempt from work registration rules, which should also make them exempt from the work hour reporting rules. (See exemption details on the back.) Seniors in this age range should confirm this with the state.

What do I need to do to Comply?

Adults must participate in and report certain activities for **20 hours a week or an average of 80 hours a month**. Activities that count towards the work requirements include:

- Paid or unpaid work for at least 20 hours per week. (Unpaid work may include exchanging your services for something other than money. For example, doing building maintenance in exchange for a reduction in rent)
- Training at a SNAP Works or Work Source Georgia** training provider
- Volunteer with a public/government agency or local non-profit
- Any combination of the above

**Work Source Georgia is a directory of Work Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligible training programs.

How will I know for sure if I need to comply?

DFCS will inform you if you need to comply with new work rules during your initial certification interview after you first apply or at your recertification interview.

What happens if I do not comply?

If you don't report enough work hours and aren't excused from the work-reporting rule, you are limited to **3 months of SNAP** in a 36-month (3-year) period.

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Exemptions and Countable Activities

Work Hour Reporting Requirement/Time Limit Exceptions

- Younger than age 18, or age 65 or older
- Living with someone under 14 in your SNAP household
- Pregnant
- Have a verified disability

General Work Registration Rule Exemptions

(If you are exempt from this rule, you may also be exempt from the Work Hour Reporting rule.)

- Age 16 or 17 and not the head of the SNAP household
- Age 60 or older (*check with case manager)
- Complying with Employment Services as a TANF recipient
- Physically or mentally unable to work including:
 - A temporary or permanent disability (requires verification)
 - People with high-risk pregnancies (requires verification)
 - Chronically homeless as determined by the caseworker
- A student enrolled at least half time in high school, GED program, higher education or technical or vocational school
- Caring for a child under 6 or for an individual with a disability
- Receiving unemployment benefits or having applied for unemployment benefits
- Working 30 hours or more a week or earning at least \$217.50 a week
- Receiving drug addiction or alcohol treatment
- A VISTA volunteer
- A migrant or seasonal farmworker
- Employed or self-employed person who works a minimum of 30 hours weekly on a job expected to last 30 days
- An American Indian, Urban Indian, Californian Indian or Alaskan Native who is eligible for the Indian Health Services

What Do I Do Next?

- When applying or renewing for SNAP, add all the necessary detail about your circumstances and submit all necessary documentation so a caseworker will have the best and latest information to determine if you need to comply with the work rules of if you are exempt.
 - Collect all documents requested by the state or you think may be requested by the state before applying or recertifying.
 - Reach out to your doctors, employers, school administrators, or work training providers, etc. to make sure they can send in any necessary documents.
- If you need assistance and cannot reach your caseworker, connect with a community partner like a food bank in your area to help you upload any necessary documentation.
- If you are aged 60 through 64, ask your caseworker if you need to comply if you do not meet any other exemption.

Resources

[Georgia Gateway how-to videos](#)



[SNAP Works flyer: English](#)



[SNAP Works flyer: Spanish](#)



[GA Work Source training programs/WIOA](#)



[DHS guidance on Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents](#)



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