



SNAP Benefit Eligibility for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents



According to federal guidelines, SNAP recipients between the ages of 18 and 49 who are considered Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) may only receive SNAP benefits for a total of 3 months within a 36-month period unless they are either EXEMPT or meet the WORK REQUIREMENTS.

What has changed?

Due to high unemployment rates, prior to September 1, 2017, Rhode Island had a state-wide waiver, exempting all SNAP recipients from time limits. Since then, SNAP recipients living in certain cities and towns have been subject to time limits. As of September 1, 2019, the 3-month time limit for ABAWDS will be in effect in all RI cities and towns EXCEPT the following: Central Falls, Charlestown, East Providence, Johnston, New Shoreham, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Warren, West Warwick, Westerly and Woonsocket.

An individual is EXEMPT from meeting the work requirements if he or she is:

- 1) Under 18 or over 50 years of age; or
- 2) Disabled; or
- 3) Physically or mentally unable to work; or
- 4) A parent of a household member under age 18; or
- 5) Living in a SNAP household where a household member is under age 18; or
- 6) Pregnant; or
- 7) Working 20 hours or more per week or at least 80 hours per month; or otherwise meeting the work requirements.

In order to meet the work requirements, an individual must:

- Work on average 20 hours/week in exchange for money, goods, services, or as a volunteer (80 hours a month); or
- Participate in a work or employment training program for at least 20 hours/week (averaged monthly) including programs under the Workforce Investment Act (WIOA) or the SNAP Employment & Training Program.

If you have any questions or need assistance,
call the **SNAP Outreach Project at 1-866-306-0270.**

To find out about **SNAP Employment & Training opportunities call
(401)415-8382 or (401)415-8385 or visit risnapet.org**

If you need to update information on your SNAP case, call the
Department of Human Services at 1-855-697-4347.



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Towns Subject to Time Limits as of August 1, 2018	Towns Subject to Time limits as of September 1, 2019
Barrington	Bristol
Cumberland	Burrillville
Exeter	Coventry
Glocester	Cranston
Jamestown	East Greenwich
Lincoln	Foster
Little Compton	Hopkinton
Narragansett	Middletown
Newport	Portsmouth
N. Kingstown	Smithfield
N. Smithfield	South Kingstown
Richmond	Tiverton
Warwick	West Greenwich

SNAP participants who live in Central Falls, Charlestown, East Providence, Johnston, North Providence, New Shoreham, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Warren, West Warwick, Westerly and Woonsocket are not subject to time limits.

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