

Work Requirements

The following SNAP recipients are exempt from the SNAP work requirements and are not subject to a SNAP penalty for failure to comply.

When any recipient loses eligibility for an exemption, the Worker must determine if the client meets any other exemption criteria prior to imposing a penalty.

If the exemption is lost during the certification period and clients are not required to report the change, they become subject to SNAP work requirements at next recertification. However, if the client reports losing the exemption, they become subject to SNAP work requirements at the time the change is reported.

NOTE: See the last exemption listed below for recipients of WV WORKS who do not meet any other listed exemption.

- A person under age 16.
- A person age 16 or 17 who is not the SNAP payee or eRAPIDS primary person.

EXAMPLE: An AG consists of two 17 year olds. One is designated as the RAPIDS primary person and SNAP payee and is, therefore, subject to the work requirements, unless another exemption is met. The other AG member is exempt from the work requirements.

- A person age 16 or 17 who is attending school or enrolled in an employment training program on at least a half-time basis.
- A person enrolled at least half-time in any recognized school, recognized training program, or institution of higher education. If enrolled in an institution of higher education, the student must meet one of the exceptions to the restriction on student participation listed in Section 9.1. This exemption continues through normal periods of vacation, unless the person does not intend to register for the next term, excluding summer terms.
- A person age 60 or over.