

**WAC 388-444-0035 Who is exempt from ABAWD time limits and minimum work requirements?** Some people who receive basic food are exempt from able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) time limits and minimum work requirements. You are exempt from ABAWD time limits and work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030 if you meet any one or more of the following:

- (1) You are under age eighteen or are age fifty or older;
- (2) You receive temporary or permanent disability benefits issued by a governmental or private source;
- (3) You are obviously mentally or physically unfit for employment as determined by the department; however, if the unfitness is not obvious, you must provide a statement that you are physically or mentally unfit for employment from a physician, physician's assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, designated representative of the physician's office, licensed or certified psychologist, social worker, or any other medical personnel the department determines appropriate;
- (4) You are an adult in a basic food assistance unit that has a family member who is under the age of eighteen;
- (5) You are pregnant;
- (6) You live in an area approved as exempt by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA);
- (7) You are complying with the work requirements of an employment and training program under temporary assistance for needy families (TANF);
- (8) You are applying for or currently receive unemployment compensation;
- (9) You are a student enrolled at least half time as defined by the institution in:
  - (a) Any accredited school;
  - (b) Training program; or
  - (c) Institution of higher education and you meet the requirements of WAC 388-482-0005 regarding basic food eligibility;
- (10) You are participating in a chemical dependency treatment and rehabilitation program;
- (11) You are employed a minimum of thirty hours per week or receive weekly earnings that equal the federal minimum hourly rate multiplied by thirty hours;
- (12) You are eligible for one of the approved exemption slots under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) fifteen percent exemption rule; or
- (13) You are otherwise exempt from work requirements under WAC 388-444-0010.

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