WAC 388-444-0030 Are able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) subject to additional work requirements and time limits to be eligible for basic food? (1) An able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) is a person who:

(a) Is age 18 through 64 beginning July 4, 2025; and

(b) Is fit for work and not exempted under WAC 388-444-0035.

(2) A nonexempt ABAWD is not eligible to receive food assistance for more than three full months (which do not have to be consecutive months), not including any partial benefit months in a 36-month period, unless the ABAWD:

(a) Works an average of 80 hours per month, including:

(i) Work in exchange for money;

(ii) Work in exchange for goods or services ("in kind" work);

(iii) Unpaid work that is verified according to department requirements; or

(iv) Any combination of (a)(i) through (iii) of this subsection.

(b) Participates in one of the following work programs and is meeting the requirements of that work program:

(i) The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014;

(ii) Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974;

(iii) A state-approved employment and training program at least an average of 80 hours per month; or

(c) Participates in an unpaid work program as provided in WAC 388-444-0040.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and H.R.1, P.L. 119-21. WSR 26-05-015, s 388-444-0030, filed 2/6/26, effective 3/9/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 24-05-071, § 388-444-0030, filed 2/20/24, effective 3/22/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and 7 C.F.R. 273.7, 7 C.F.R. 273.24. WSR 21-07-132, § 388-444-0030, filed 3/23/21, effective 4/23/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and Title 7 C.F.R. Part 273.24. WSR 19-17-086, § 388-444-0030, filed 8/21/19, effective 9/21/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, and 74.08A.120. WSR 18-02-037, § 388-444-0030, filed 12/22/17, effective 1/22/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, 74.08A.120 and see WSR 16-07-003, other authority. WSR 16-07-003, § 388-444-0030, filed 3/3/16, effective 4/3/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 273.24. WSR 15-18-042, § 388-444-0030, filed 8/26/15, effective 9/26/15; WSR 14-18-028, § 388-444-0030, filed 8/26/14, effective 9/26/14; WSR 13-17-123, § 388-444-0030, filed 8/21/13, effective 9/21/13; WSR 12-16-025, § 388-444-0030, filed 7/25/12, effective 8/25/12; WSR 11-18-039, § 388-444-0030, filed 8/31/11, effective 10/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.903, and 7 C.F.R. §§ 273.7 and 273.24. WSR 10-23-112, § 388-444-0030, filed 11/17/10, effective 12/18/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, 74.08A.120, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. WSR 10-13-046, § 388-444-0030, filed 6/9/10, effective 7/10/10; WSR 09-14-018, § 388-444-0030, filed 6/22/09, effective 7/23/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050,

74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-444-0030, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]