

KENTUCKY SNAP ABAWDS Screening Guide

Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) can only receive SNAP (Food Stamps) for three months in any 36 month period unless they meet one of the following exceptions.

A month in which SNAP benefits were prorated (partial month of benefits) does not count towards the three month limit.

Individual is eligible for more than 3 months of Food Stamps if	YES	NO
Under 18 or over age 49		
Part of a household with a child under 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to all adults in household, not just parents • Applies even if child is ineligible for food stamps 		
Pregnant		
Living in a county <i>other than</i> Jefferson, Bullitt, Hardin, Fayette, Warren, Daviess, Henderson, McCracken		
Physically or Mentally Unfit for Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get written statement from any medical professional (FS-704) • No medical statement needed if “obvious” • VA Disability Benefits count even if only partial disability rated 		
Caring for an incapacitated person in the household <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification from certified medical provider 		
Regular participant in substance use treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verified by treatment center • Doesn’t need to be residential (AA can qualify) 		
Chronically homeless – defined as one year or more <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation from shelter or other agency needed 		
Enrolled at least half time in school, training program or work program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only applies to college if in work study • Applies to WIOA and TAA training programs 		
SSI application – exempt while case pending		
Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work at least 80 hours per month or 30 hours/week • Or earn 30x minimum wage per week regardless of hours • Includes self-employment or volunteer work • Includes work for goods or services (bartering) • Includes migrant/seasonal farmworkers under contract to begin work within 30 days • If good cause for failure to work 80 hours that month (e.g. illness, transportation problem, family emergency) still considered to be working 80 hours 		
Participate 20 hours per week in SNAP Employment and Training Program – either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEP (work experience program – unpaid work or workfare) or • VES (vocational education skills training) 		
Receiving (or have applied for) unemployment benefits		

If you have checked **YES** to **ANY** of the above exemptions, the individual is eligible for SNAP for more than three months.

Refer to DCBS: Call 1-855-306-8959

More Information

- If individual is exempt for part of a month, he/she is exempt for the entire month (e.g. turns 18 during a month).
- If the individual is ineligible, other persons in the household may still be eligible.
- An individual who has used up their three months of eligibility can become re-eligible for an additional three consecutive month, even if he or she does not meet one of the exemptions. An individual who has regained eligibility through work or employment or training activities may continue to receive SNAP for up to three consecutive months after again becoming unemployed even if he or she earlier used up his or her basic three months of benefits while out of work.
- Most exemptions must be verified. If an individual requests assistance, DCBS must provide assistance in getting verification.
- Denial of SNAP benefits can be appealed within 90 days. New evidence can be provided on appeal.

Need Legal Assistance?

Contact the civil legal aid office in your area. Visit <http://kyjustice.org/mapkyjustice.org> to find contact information for your county.