

Glossary

15-Percent Exemption	A BBA provision that allows States to exempt up to 15 percent of their unwaived, nonworking ABAWD population from the 3-month time limit.
Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs)	Food Stamp participants between the ages of 18 and 50 who are not responsible for a dependent child and are considered physically and mentally fit for employment.
Alternative Reimbursement States	A limited number of States that have been allowed to opt out of the reimbursement rate policy (see Reimbursement Rate). These States are allowed to draw down their complete E&T allocation without consideration of per slot costs. In return, the States agree to offer a work opportunity to every ABAWD applicant or recipient (not waived or exempted) who has exhausted his or her time limit.
Filled Slot	A term that describes a month of participation in a food stamp employment and training component that meets the ABAWD work requirements. If an ABAWD participates in a component for multiple months, each month of participation counts as a filled slot.
General Assistance (GA) Programs	Programs that provide benefits to low-income people who are not eligible for any form of federally funded cash assistance. GA Programs are entirely financed and administered by State, county, or local government units or some combination of these entities.
Offered Slot	Term that describes the situation in which an ABAWD is asked to report to a specific work site or training facility at a given date and time to participate in a qualifying activity (see Qualifying Activities), but he or she either refuses or does not report.
Qualifying Activities	Employment and training components that fulfill the ABAWD work requirement. These are workfare, work experience, education, and vocational training. Job search is a qualifying activity only if it is assigned during the first 30 days of an ABAWD's participation in the program and is part of a workfare component, or if it is a subsidiary part of another component that meets the work requirement.
Reimbursement Rate	The maximum amount of Federal grant funds that USDA will reimburse States for their expenditures in providing employment and training slots. States are reimbursed \$30 per offered slot and \$175 for each month a slot is filled (see Offered Slot and Filled Slot).
Unwaived Area	An area of the State that is not waived from the ABAWD work requirements (see Waived Area).
Waived Area	Upon State request, USDA may waive application of the ABAWD work requirement to groups of individuals that the Department determines reside in an area with an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or that does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide them employment.

Work Registrant

A food stamp participant who is registered for employment by the responsible State agency. All food stamp participants must register for work unless they are exempt. An individual is exempt if she/he is younger than 16 or older than 60, physically or mentally unfit for employment, subject to or complying with a TANF work requirement, responsible for the care of a child under 6 or an incapacitated person, receiving unemployment benefits, participating in a drug or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program, or working at least 30 hours a week.