

Employment & Training Sanction Periods

Individuals who are required to register for work in order to receive benefits may be enrolled into a State's E&T program to receive assistance preparing for and finding employment. If they fail to participate in planned E&T activities without good cause, they are disqualified from the FSP for certain periods of time depending on how many prior instances of non-compliance there have been. The minimum periods set by law are one month for the first instance, three months for the second, and six months for the third. Food stamp policy gives States the options to 1) set disqualification periods longer than these minimum mandatory periods, 2) for the third occurrence, make the disqualification permanent, and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements. For information on the exact length of extended sanction periods in each State choosing to extend them, see the State Profiles section of this report.

Extended E&T Sanctions		Permanent Disqualification	Entire Household Disqualification	
14		3	13	
CONNECTICUT	LOUISIANA	CONNECTICUT	ARIZONA	NEBRASKA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MASSACHUSETTS	GUAM	DELAWARE	OKLAHOMA
GUAM	MICHIGAN	WEST VIRGINIA	FLORIDA	TEXAS
ILLINOIS	MISSISSIPPI		GUAM	VERMONT
INDIANA	NEW MEXICO		LOUISIANA	VIRGIN ISLANDS
IOWA	NEW YORK		MASSACHUSETTS	VIRGINIA
KENTUCKY	WEST VIRGINIA		MISSISSIPPI	

