

Chapter 813. Food Stamp, Employment & Training. Prior rules repealed and new rules adopted as a result of agency rule review plan

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Subchapter A. General Provisions

40 TAC §813.1, §813.2

The Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) adopts the repeal of §813.1 and §813.2 and adopts new §813.1 and §813.2 relating to the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program, without changes to the rules as proposed in the May 15, 1998 issue, of the *Texas Register* (23 TexReg 4893). The rules will be republished here.

New subchapter A is added regarding general provisions.

The purpose of new §813.1 is to explain the expenditure of Food Stamp Employment and Training Program funds. The purpose of new §813.2 is to set forth the allowable activities for the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

The new rules ensure that allowable workforce development services are available to able-bodied food stamp recipients, ages eighteen to fifty, without dependents (ABAWDs). The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 requires ABAWDs to work or participate in specific activities. Food stamp benefits will be limited to three months out of thirty-six months if participants fail to comply with these requirements. Federal guidelines mandate that at least 80% of the federal Food Stamp Employment and Training funds be used to assist ABAWDs to meet these requirements. Allowable activities for this population include training funded by the Trade Adjustment Act of 1974 (TAA), Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), workfare, and state training and education programs at least twenty hours per week.

No comments were received on the proposed rules.

The repeals are adopted under the authority of Texas Labor Code, Chapter 301, which provides the Commission the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such rules as it deems necessary for the effective administration of Commission programs.

This agency hereby certifies that the adoption has been reviewed by legal counsel and found to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.

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