

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers



From: Reagan Miller, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Revised Form FL-139 SNAP E&T Exemptions Worksheet**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with revised English and Spanish versions of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training (SNAP E&T) Form FL-139 SNAP E&T Exemptions Worksheet.

BACKGROUND:

During a Management Evaluation review conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in Federal Fiscal Year 2015, FNS provided clarification on the use of federal SNAP exemptions. Specifically, FNS stated that the three-to-nine-months pregnancy reason must not be used to exempt SNAP recipients from participation in SNAP E&T. This means that SNAP recipients who are three to nine months pregnant are required to participate in SNAP E&T. Failure to cooperate will result in loss of SNAP benefits.

Additionally, FNS noted that SNAP recipients who are applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are federally exempt from SNAP E&T participation.

Because Form FL-139 contains the three-to-nine-months pregnancy reason and indicates that a person who receives SSI is exempt, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is revising Form FL-139 to:

- remove the three-to-nine-months pregnancy reason; and
- add language that indicates SNAP recipients applying for SSI are exempt from SNAP E&T participation.

SNAP E&T Guide revisions are forthcoming. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) released a [Texas Works Bulletin](#) that addresses the above-mentioned changes.

PROCEDURES:

NLF: Effective August 1, 2016, Boards must use the revised English and Spanish versions of Form FL-139 SNAP E&T Exemptions Worksheet (see attachments below).

INQUIRIES:

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: [Form FL-139 SNAP E&T Exemptions Worksheet \(English\)](#)

Attachment 2: [Form FL-139 SNAP E&T Exemptions Worksheet \(Spanish\)](#)

RESCISSIONS: None

REFERENCE:

7 C.F.R. 273.7A (6) and (B)

FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Local Flexibility (LF): This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”