

Policy Clarifications – Employment & Training – Policy/Procedure ESA-17263-135

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Subject: SPALs Beyond 12 Months Voc-Ed Time

Question: Can we issue SPALs to support TANF clients' education activities after they have exhausted their 12-month voc-ed time limit? What about Extended TANF (ETANF) clients? Is the policy the same for SNAP clients?

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Yes. For TANF clients, if they are meeting their RESET hourly requirement in another core activity, then we can support their approved education activity with SPALs (including child care) beyond 12 months.

This guidance does **not** apply to ETANF clients who were not already enrolled in an approved education activity prior to reaching 1830 days on TANF. No new education activities, including KEYS, may be approved for ETANF clients.

When TANF clients participating in an approved vocational education program, including postsecondary education, reach 1830 days on TANF, they may continue that activity until the end of the semester or term. If, however, their 12-months in a lifetime limit is exhausted, then they must participate in another core activity of at least 30 hours per week to continue to receive SPALs to support the education activity.

After the ETANF individual concludes the current semester or term they may continue to participate in the approved education activity, but must comply with ETANF and RESET requirements by participating for 30 hours per week in another core activity.

No, the policy differs for SNAP. Once SNAP-only clients have reached their 12-month voc-ed limit, their education activities cannot be supported with SPALs (including child care).