

Policy Clarifications - Food Stamps
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Subject: Meeting the 20-hour Weekly Work Requirement

OPS-07-02-13, ABAWD's Waiver Update, has Attachment B that is to be given to all ABAWD's at application and renewal, regardless of the geographical waive status of their residence. The previous client message, under "Important", the first bullet indicates "working at least 20 hours weekly". This current client message indicates "working 80 hours monthly". FSH 575.28 indicates: "Working at least 20 hrs per week, averaged 80 hours monthly". Please advise; is the 20 hrs per week no longer required for this criterion?

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The requirement is met if the person is working 80 hours monthly. The person does not have to work 20 hours every week.

We spoke with the Division of Federal Programs and Management, who advised that the regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(a)(i) specify "working 20 hours per week, averaged monthly; for purposes of this provision, 20 hours a week averaged monthly means 80 hours a month."

An update to FSH Chapter 575 is in process.