

The Law:

New federal laws say that if you are between 18-50 years old, you must do one of the following to receive foodstamps.

1) work for 20 or more hours each week,

OR

2) participate in a Job Program for 20 or more hours each week. This includes Job Training Partnership Act, Trade Adjustment Assistance Act, and E&T(Employment and Training) Program.

What If I Do Not Work More Than 20 Hours a Week?

If you do not work twenty (20) or more hours each week in either a job or a JOB or E & T Program, you are allowed to receive only three (3) months of foodstamps in every three(3)-year period. You will be cut off of foodstamps after three (3) months until the three(3)-year period is finished.

Exceptions to the Law

You might be able to get more than the three (3)-month limit if you are in one of the following categories:

- medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment
- responsible for a dependent child or incapacitated person
 - HAR § 17-684-27: A caretaker is a person who is responsible for a child under six (6) years old or an incapacitated adult. Only one person may claim responsibility for the same child or adult.
- you live with a dependant spouse
- pregnant
- receiving unemployment benefits
- a drug addict or alcoholic who is in a rehabilitation treatment program
- a student who is eligible for foodstamps.
- fulfilling First to Work program requirements or another program under Title IV.
- living in an area that is exempt: including the Big Island, Molokai, and Kauai.
- you are self-employed for more than 30 hours each week.

What if I use up my 3 months?

If you use up your three (3) months, the best solution would be to get a job or to participate in one of the JOB or E&T Programs. You will need to work 20 or more hours each week.

After you work for 80 or more hours over a one-month period, if you lose your job, you will be eligible for another three (3) months of foodstamps.

You can get this extra three (3) months only once.

Important Numbers

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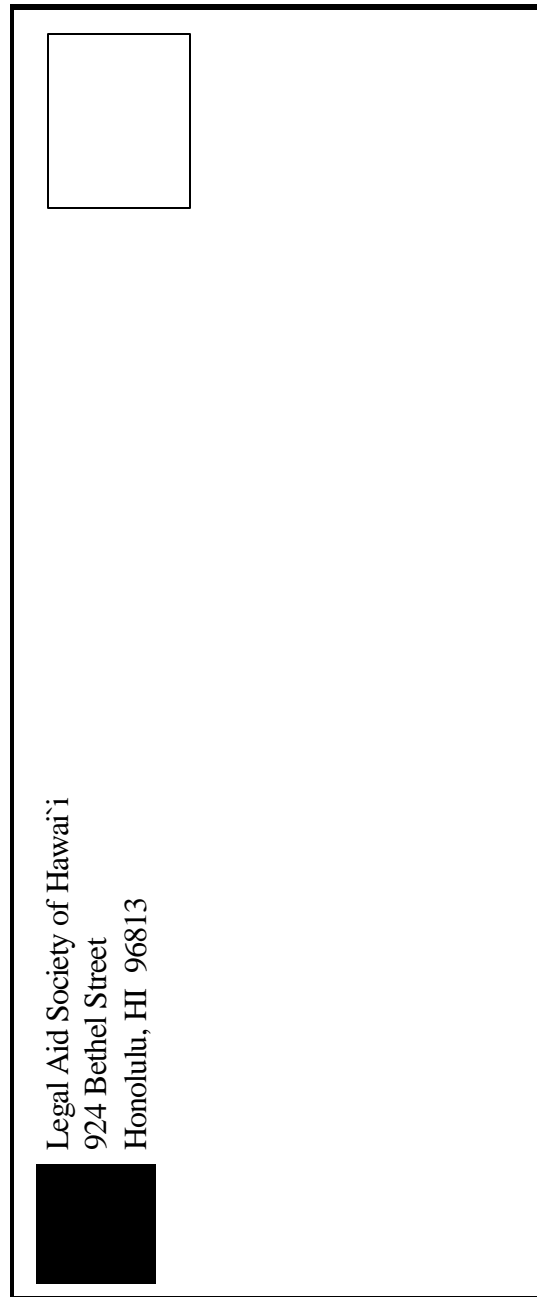
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Food Stamps 18-50 year old Recipients

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- you receive or want to receive foodstamps
AND
- you are between 18-50 years old

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