

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. FOOD ASSISTANCE AND ENERGY
PROGRAMS 1-2007,
Minimum Wage Increase (January 10, 2007)**

(Food Stamps)

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Food Stamp Supervisors

DATE: January 10, 2007

SUBJECT: Minimum Wage Increase

EFFECTIVE: **January 1, 2007**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

In House Bill 2174, the General Assembly increased the minimum wage in North Carolina from \$5.15 to \$6.15 effective January 1, 2007. The Federal minimum wage remains \$5.15.

The purpose of this letter is to outline the procedures for implementing this change.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

Policy found currently in Section 240.02 F. states that FSU members who work an average of 30 hours weekly or receive weekly earnings equal to the Federal or State minimum wage multiplied by 30 hours, are not subject to Employment and Training requirements.

This policy is revised to define that the exemption applies to FSU members who work an average of 30 hours weekly or receive earnings equal to the federal or State minimum wage multiplied by 30 hours, whichever amount is lower.

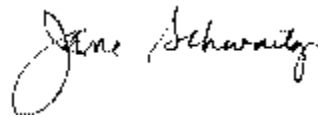
For clarification, in Section 243.00 Voluntary Quit, the sentence is revised to state "Voluntary Quit is also reducing work hours (effort) to less than 30 hours per week or wages are less than Federal minimum wage times 30 hours per week."

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

This change is effective with each application, change in situation, or recertification taken or processed on or after January 1, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact your Food Assistance and Energy Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Schwartz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jane Schwartz, Chief

Economic Services Section

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