

THIS LETTER APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ONLY:

Alamance
Lee
Union

Bladen
Macon
Wilson

Burke
McDowell

Gaston
Richmond

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES 1-2011
Elimination of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Employment and Training (E&T)
Requirements (January 5, 2011)
(Food and Nutrition Services)**

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Elimination of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Employment and Training (E&T) Requirements

EFFECTIVE: **Upon Receipt**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

On December 31, 2010, contracts between the Division of Social Services and Employment Security Commission ended in the above listed counties. This will end the Food and Nutrition E&T Program in the counties identified. The purpose of this letter is to outline the procedures for implementing this change.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

Although there will no longer be a work program in the above listed counties, individuals subject to work requirements are not exempt from work registration. Work registration for both non-Able Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) and ABAWDs will be accomplished by entering the appropriate work registration code in field 80 E of the DSS-8590, Client Record. Enter code Z in field 80-K to track the ABAWD.

Mandatory work registrants continue to be subject to voluntary reduction in hours, voluntary quit and the ABAWD provisions found in Section 243 and Section 245 of the Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual. Currently the 3-month time-limit for ABAWDS is waived in all counties through September 30, 2011.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

This change is effective upon receipt and the above listed counties will no longer refer recipients to the Employment Security Commission (ESC). For applications, recertifications or changes in situation taken after receipt of this letter, a disqualified individual is added back to the FNS benefits the month after the minimum disqualification period ends, as long as all eligibility requirements are met.

If you have any questions contact your Food and Nutrition Services and Energy Programs Regional Support Team directly via email. If the FNS Regional Support Team is unavailable, the Economic and Family Services Help Desk can be contacted at 919-334-1100 or by email at DSS.EFSHD@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Simpson".

Dean Simpson, Chief
Economic and Family Services Section

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