08 NA Employment and Training (NA E&T) - Overview

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The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Employment and Training (SNA E&T) Program is a work program through DERS designed to assist NA participants with the following:

- Promote employment through job search and job readiness.
- Provide the training or education necessary to obtain employment and decrease NA dependency.

Effective for benefit month 04/2020 until further notice, see <u>Urgent</u> <u>Bulletin</u> emailed 03/27/2020 regarding work requirements.

The SNA E&T program provides job search and job placement assistance to mandatory and voluntary NA E&T participants.

All NA participants whose names appear on a signed FAA <u>official application</u> are auto registered for referral to the SNA E&T program.

Staff must screen each NA participant for <u>E&T Registration Exemptions</u> and <u>E&T Participation Exemptions</u> when any of the following occurs:

- Initial interview
- Renewal interview
- Change report

An NA participant who meets one of the E&T registration exemptions is exempt from registration.

An NA participant who does not meet an E&T registration exemption must be screened for an <u>E&T Participation Exemption</u>. An NA E&T participant who meets one of the E&T participation exemptions is exempt from participating with SNA E&T.

All NA participants who do not meet a registration or participation exemption must participate in the SNA E&T program.

NA participants who are exempt from E&T registration or participation may choose to participate voluntarily.

Participants who meet either of the following cannot participate in the SNA E&T program:

- Disgualified NA participants
- NA nonparticipants

There are penalties when a non-exempt participant fails to comply with the SNA E&T program requirements. The penalty varies depending on both of the following:

- Whether the participant is the <u>NA E&T Lead Participant</u>
- The nature of the SNA E&T Noncompliance

Employment assistance is available through the following:

- An SNA E&T Employment Service office. To locate an Employment Service office nearest to the participant, use the Office Locator.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Career
 Advancement Network (SNAP CAN) Program. SNA E&T offices can
 be located through the SNAP CAN program. To locate a SNAP CAN
 office, visit their website at
 https://des.az.gov/services/employment/job-seekers/snap-can/snap-recipients.

Policy and procedures regarding NA E&T are outlined as follows:

- Informing NA Participants
- FAA/E&T Communications
- NA E&T Registration
- NA E&T Registration Exemption
- NA E&T Participation
- NA E&T Participation Exemption
- NA E&T Lead Participant Selection Rules
- Mandatory E&T Referral
- Voluntary E&T Referral
- NA E&T Participant Allowances
- NA E&T Noncompliance
- NA E&T Comparable UI Requirement
- NA E&T Related Disqualification
- NA E&T Disqualification Duration
- NA E&T Disqualification Start Date
- NA E&T Disgualification Process/NA E&T Lead Participant
- NA E&T Disqualification Process/NA E&T Non-Lead Participant
- NA E&T Disqualification/Closed Cases
- NA E&T Disqualified Participant who joins a new budgetary unit Reinstatement
- NA E&T Appeals Process