

J TPEP Work Program Exemptions

Determine the exempt status of each parent for new applications, at renewal, and when requested by Jobs staff.

The following participants are exempt:

- A parent under age 18. To qualify for this exemption, one of the following must apply:

A parent age 13 through 15 who is pregnant or a teen custodial parent must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Attend full time a grade, middle, high, vocational, technical school, or high school equivalency course.

A parent age 16 or 17 (age 18 when reasonably expected to finish school before reaching age 19). The parent must be attending a grade, middle, high, vocational, technical school, or high school equivalency course full time.

NOTE Parents who are required to attend school on a full-time basis as a Jobs activity may not be exempt from participation as a result of their school attendance.

Key AG in the PAR/EXEM field next to the eligible participant on WORW.

- Enrolled tribal members living within the geographic area defined by the tribe as its Jobs Work Program area. (See [Tribal NEW](#))

Key RT in the PAR/EXEM field on WORW.

- A participant who is working an average of 40 hours or more per week.

The employment must meet the following criteria:

- Be unsubsidized
- Pay at least the [federal minimum wage](#)
- Be expected to last at least 30 days

The exemption continues when there is a break in employment expected to last no longer than ten work days. Set an alert in EWAL to determine whether the participant returns to work by the end of the ten days. Redetermine the participant's exempt status when they have not returned to work after ten days.

Explain to the participant that they can volunteer to participate in the Jobs program. When the participant volunteers to participate, key Y in the VOL field on WORW.

Key EM in the PAR/EXEM field on WORW.