



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2020 - 5

***WORK AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS
FOR ABAWD SNAP PARTICIPANTS
RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JBE 2016 - 12***

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order Number JBE 2016-12 directed the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), and the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) to partner and coordinate in creating requirements that, in order to continue participating in the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs), who were not currently employed, attending school, enrolled in a job training program or otherwise exempt from federal work requirements would be required to register and participate in-person with programs offered by the LWC Business and Career Solutions Centers;

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2019, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published in the Federal Register Rule Number 0584-AE57 (7 CFR Part 273), in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 13828 (2 April 2018) and in keeping with Section 6(O) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, which revises the conditions under which the USDA would waive the ABAWD time limit set forth in Section 6(O) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, and this rule's effective date is April 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, without a statewide waiver of the ABAWD time limits, effective April 1, 2020, ABAWDs receiving SNAP assistance, who are not exempt from the SNAP work requirements, would only qualify for benefits for three months in a thirty-six month period unless the participant resides in a parish with a waiver or can document satisfactory work, education or volunteer activities as provided under the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the rules and provisions created pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order Number JBE 2016-12 would conflict and overlap with the aforementioned federal rule, creating unnecessary confusion in the enforcement of both state and federal regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Executive Order Number JBE 2016-12, shall cease to be effective on February 29, 2020.

SECTION 2: All departmental rules and regulations created pursuant to Executive Order Number JBE 2016-12 shall be without effect if they conflict with the rule in 7 CFR Part 273.

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 28th day of February, 2020

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Keith Moore", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE