



Time Limit Extension Criteria (Part 1 of 2)

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Totals (unduplicate)	2 No time limit 5 No extensions 3 No policy yet		13	23	7	20
Alabama	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
Alaska	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Threat to family's health or safety; circumstances outside family's control prevent self- sufficiency	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	No lifetime limit 24 in 60 months	Yes State agency must report to the legislature extensions exceeding 1% of caseload or if approval rate exceeds 20% in prior 3 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Arkansas	24-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The months in which an individual is deferred from work participation requirements for domestic violence do not count towards the time limit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Necessary to protect child from risk of neglect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If individual cooperated and participated in required activities but was unable to obtain employment due to "extraordinary circumstances"
California	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	21-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If individual has more than one sanction and one "work test" failure, recipient must enter into individual performance contract to "restore good faith." If employed, earnings cannot exceed grant amount by more than \$90.

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Delaware	No lifetime limit					
	96 months of ineligibility after 48 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dist of Columbia	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	48-month lifetime	No extensions				
	24 in 60 or 36 in 72 months	Yes Domestic violence exemptions do not count toward the 20%.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If delays, interrupts or adversely affects participation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Georgia	48-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Must satisfactorily complete approved employment training activity requirements
Idaho	24-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Illinois	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
Indiana	24-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If unable to obtain or retain employment; must have cooperated with program requirements and self-sufficiency plan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperated with program requirements and self- sufficiency plan
Iowa	60-month lifetime	Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kansas	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
Kentucky	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult with insufficient employment who has complied with all program and participation requirements

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Louisiana	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24 in 60 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seeking all jobs qualified for, with a minimum of 2 contacts per week, or participating in another work component
Maine	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complying with TANF program rules (or having good cause for not complying) and either not having received three sanctions or having served a penalty period. (If three sanctions, adult is off grant until penalty period equal to time of last sanction is served.)
Maryland	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unable to find a job through no fault of own
Massachusetts	No lifetime limit					
	24 in 60 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Michigan	No time limit					
Minnesota	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
Mississippi	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited to 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missouri	60-month lifetime	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana	60-month lifetime	No policy yet				
Nebraska	No lifetime limit 24 in 48 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Without adequate cash resources to meet current payment level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This does not apply if sanctioned or voluntarily quit a job

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Nevada	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	12 months of ineligibility after 24 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Hampshire	60-month lifetime	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The hardship must be extreme.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If individual never sanctioned for failing to comply with work requirement.
New Mexico	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If affects current ability to be gainfully employed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New York	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If unable to work due to caring for a child disabled as a result of domestic violence or due to impairment resulting from domestic violence lasting 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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North Carolina	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	36 months of ineligibility after 24 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Dakota	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ohio	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24 months of ineligibility after 36 months	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oklahoma	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
Oregon	No lifetime limit					
	24 in 84 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pennsylvania	60-month lifetime	No policy yet				Cannot exceed the greater of 1% of ADC caseload or 400 families

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Rhode Island	60-month lifetime	Yes Domestic violence exemptions do not count towards the 20% limit.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24 in 120 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
South Dakota	60-month lifetime	No policy yet				
Tennessee	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income cannot exceed grant amount by more than \$150; adult is complying with requirements and has not been previously sanctioned for more than 3 months
	3 months of ineligibility after 18 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income cannot exceed grant amount by more than \$150; adult is complying with requirements and has not been previously sanctioned for more than 3 months

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Texas	60-month lifetime	No policy yet				
	60 months of ineligibility after 12, 24 or 36 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Utah	36-month lifetime	Yes 20% plus families who have reached limit but are working 80 hours per month	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermont	No time limit					
Virginia	60-month lifetime	No extensions				
	24 months of ineligibility after 24 months	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						Must have actively sought employment or lost job as a result of factors unrelated to job performance. No extension if previously sanctioned for failure to participate in activities or if sanctioned more than once for any other reason.

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Washington	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia	60-month lifetime	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wisconsin	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If local labor market conditions preclude a reasonable unsubsidized employment opportunity for the participant
Wyoming	60-month lifetime	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For up to two years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>