



Work Requirements: Vocational Educational Training

As of October 1999

State	Voc Ed is an authorized work activity	Participation limited to certain groups	Voc Ed Training must be combined with participation in other activities	Other required activities (if specified)	Maximum duration of participation (in months)
Totals	47 Yes 2 No 2 Local	14 Yes (see descriptions) 29 No	6 Yes 22 In some cases 17 No, for at least 12 months		6 No limit 26 12 months or less 12 18-36 months
Alabama	Yes	No	Must supplement with other activities if needed to meet overall hourly requirement whenever possible		12
Alaska	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement	Work activities specified in the self-sufficiency plan	12
Arizona	Yes	--	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement	Primary work activities	12
Arkansas	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
California	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		18-24, local discretion
Colorado	Yes	No	No		12
Connecticut	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		No limit

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Delaware	*	No			
Dist of Columbia	Yes	No	Some participants are permitted to meet the work requirement with educational training alone; others are encouraged to combine it with other countable activities.		No limit
Florida	Yes	Individual must have demonstrated compliance with other phases or program activities. Vocational education must be likely to result in higher-pay employment.	After 12 months of vocational educational training alone		12
Georgia	Yes	No	No		12
Hawaii	Yes	Those employed at least 20 hours per week	Yes	At least 20 hours per week of work	No limit
Idaho	Yes	--	--		--

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Illinois	Yes	If need additional training to better prepare to enter workforce in recognized occupation in which jobs are available, and recipient has aptitude, ability, and interest necessary to succeed; must apply for all financial aid; must attend full time if available and appropriate to family situation.	After 24 months of vocational educational training alone	At least 20 hours per week of work	24
Indiana	Yes	Those who make satisfactory progress and are working at least part-time	Yes	Unsubsidized or subsidized employment, job search, community service employment program or on-the-job-training	12
Iowa	Yes	Persons who demonstrate capability and who express a desire to participate	No		24
Kansas	Yes	No	After 12 months of vocational educational training alone	Countable primary activities	12
Kentucky	Yes	No	After 24 months of vocational educational training alone	20 hours of countable activities, including work study, practicums and internships	24

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Louisiana	Yes	No	No		12
Maine	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Maryland	Yes	No	No		12
Massachusetts*	No				
Michigan	Yes	Must be employed a minimum of 10 hours per week and meet the federal hourly work requirement through a combination of work, classroom, and study time.	Yes	Must be employed a minimum of 10 hours per week and meet the federal hourly work requirement through a combination of work, classroom, and study time.	12
Minnesota	Yes	Individuals who need the education to meet employment goal. The training must be for an occupation with suitable employment opportunities and be expected to result in higher wages.	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		24
Mississippi	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Missouri	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		No limit

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Montana	Local	No			No limit
Nebraska	Yes	Individual who does not otherwise have a skill that can be marketed and provide a living wage	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		24
Nevada	Yes	No	After 12 months of vocational educational training alone	Any countable activity	12
New Hampshire	Yes	Individuals who are determined not to have appropriate skills for immediate employment.	Yes	Job search, work-for-benefits, internship, on-the-job-training	24
New Jersey	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
New Mexico	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement	Any other primary work activity	12
New York	Local				
North Carolina	Yes	--	--		--
North Dakota	Yes	No	After 12 months of vocational educational training alone	At least 20 hours of allowable activities	12

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Ohio	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Oklahoma	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Oregon	Yes	No	No		18
Pennsylvania	Yes	No	After 12 months of vocational educational training alone	Other countable work activity	24
Rhode Island	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement	Paid employment, community work experience	24
South Carolina	Yes	Individuals for whom vocational training is consistent with the vocational objective.	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		No limit
South Dakota	Yes	No	No		12
Tennessee	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Texas	Yes	No	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Utah	Yes	No	No		24

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Vermont	Yes	Skills training is open to all; vocational training is allowed under certain conditions..	No		
Virginia	Yes	--	Yes	Unsubsidized or subsidized employment, community service employment program or on-the-job-training	--
Washington	Yes	Clients employed 20 hours or more; clients who lack job skills presently in demand for entry level jobs; clients who will not acquire needed skills through work experience or OJT.	No, for 12 weeks if in Pre-Employment Training. Otherwise 20 hours of work.		12
West Virginia	Yes	Client whose goal is occupation requiring completion of vocational work; client has no job skills or requires retraining; client lacks GED/diploma and skill training required.	If needed to meet hourly participation requirement		12
Wisconsin	Yes		Yes	30 hours of community service job or 28 hours of W-2 Transitional Placement	24
Wyoming	Yes	Individuals who have not participated in any other training program.	No		12

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* Job skills training and postsecondary education, however, are authorized activities (see those tables for details).

Local = local or county discretion -- = Unknown