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NSC to Department of Agriculture: Focus on expanding skills through SNAP, not on red tape

Under current law, “able-bodied” adults without dependents can receive SNAP benefits for just three months in a 36-month period, unless they’re participating in a training or work program. However, in today’s economy, simply being “able-bodied” isn’t enough to secure a career. In fact, more than 80 percent of jobs nationally require some form of education and training beyond high school. At the same time, half of long-term SNAP recipients don’t have a high school diploma. That means they’re unable to qualify for jobs or even to enter training programs where they can learn in-demand skills.

That’s why NSC is encouraging the Department of Agriculture to focus on strengthening efforts to expand skills opportunities under the SNAP E&T Program. And, we are urging the agency to reject changes to eligibility for certain SNAP recipients. Read more, and see our submitted comments [over on our Skills Blog](#).



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