

CalWORKs TIME LIMIT and WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPATION EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM

PLEASE PRINT

YOUR NAME		COUNTY USE ONLY	
ADDRESS	STREET	COUNTY	
CITY	ZIP	CASE NAME	
PHONE ()		CASE NO.	OTHER ID NO.
QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR WORKER.		WORKER NAME	WORKER PHONE NO. ()

Most adults can only get 48 months (4 years) of cash aid from the CalWORKs program. Unless exempt, you must do CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work activities as a condition for getting aid.

If you are a pregnant and/or parenting teen under 20 years old and have not received a high school diploma or its equivalent, **these rules do not apply to you. For more information call your worker.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLIENT:

If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, you may be exempt for a month or longer from the CalWORKs 48-month time limit and/or Welfare-to-Work participation. You may need to give information to help the county decide if you should be exempt. Please answer all of the questions. **The county cannot answer these questions for you. Please be sure to sign and date the back of this form.**

YES NO Welfare-to-Work Participation Exemptions Only

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Are you pregnant and does a doctor state that you cannot work or participate in Welfare-to-Work activities for 32 hours per week if you are a one-parent assistance unit or for 35 hours per week if you are a two-parent assistance unit? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Are you the parent or caretaker of a child age _____ or under? (Depending on the County, you may be exempt if your child is 12 weeks old or under, six (6) months old or under, or 12 months old or under.) This exemption is available <u>only once</u> . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. If you have used exemption #2, have you recently become the parent or caretaker of another infant? (Depending on the County, you may be exempt for 12 weeks to 6 months.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Are you a full time volunteer in the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) Program? |

YES NO CalWORKs 48-Month Time Limit and Welfare-to-Work Participation Exemptions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Are you a 16-or 17-year old who has a high school diploma or its equivalent and is enrolled or planning to enroll in a educational, vocational or technical school training program? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Are you physically or mentally unable to work or participate in a Welfare-to-Work activity for 32 hours per week if you are a one-parent assistance unit, or for 35 hours per week if you are a two-parent assistance unit on a regular basis for at least 30 calendar days? Please provide any medical proof of your disability. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Are you the nonparent caretaker of a child who is a dependent or ward of the court, or at risk of being placed in foster care? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Do you need to stay home to take care of someone in the household who cannot take care of him/herself, which makes it hard for you to work or participate in a Welfare-to-Work activity? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Are you living in Indian Country, as defined by federal law, in which 50 percent of the adults are unemployed? (This exemption applies only to the CalWORKs 48-month time limit, not the Welfare-to-Work participation exemption.) |

PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO FIND OUT ABOUT MORE EXEMPTIONS.

CalWORKs TIME LIMIT and WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPATION EXEMPTION REQUEST FORM (BACK)

Welfare-to-Work Participation Exemptions - You do NOT have to return this form for these exemptions.

You will not be required to participate in the Welfare-to-Work program if any of the reasons apply to you.

- You are under 16 years old.
- You are 16, 17, or 18 years old and in high school or adult school.
- You are 60 years or older.
- You are the parent or caretaker of one child who is between 12 and 23 months of age, or two or more children who are under six years of age.

CalWORKs 48-Month Time Limit Exemptions - You do NOT have to ask for these exemptions, on this form. You may contact your worker if any of these reasons apply to you.

A month of aid will not count against your CalWORKs 48-month time limit if any of the reasons listed below apply to you.

- You did not receive CalWORKs cash aid because your grant was less than \$10.
- Your cash grant is fully repaid by child support collection.
- You are off cash aid, employed and only getting supportive services such as child care, transportation, and case management.
- You are 60 years or older.
- You are the parent or caretaker of one child who is between 12 and 23 months of age, or two or more children who are under six years of age.
- You have been given good cause from Welfare-to-Work participation due to lack of supportive services.

CalWORKs 48-Month Time Limit and Welfare-to-Work Participation Waivers

If you or a family member are a past or present victim of domestic abuse and the county finds that your condition or situation prevents or impairs your ability to be regularly employed or to participate in Welfare-to-Work activities, the county may waive the CalWORKs 48-month time limit and/or the Welfare-to-Work participation requirements. You do not have to complete this form to get a waiver to the time limits. You may contact your worker to ask for a domestic abuse waiver.

- You will be told in writing whether or not you are exempt from the CalWORKs 48-month time limit and/or Welfare-to-Work participation and the reason why.
- You may be asked to give the county proof of your reason for why you think you should be exempt.
- If you do not agree with the county, you may ask for a State hearing.
- Depending on your situation, you may be evaluated each month to determine if you continue to be exempt.

YOUR SIGNATURE

DATE