

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-13-02

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FOOD STAMP COORDINATORS

SUBJECT: STATE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AND FSET  
PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change  
 Federal Law or Regulation Change  
 Court Order or Settlement Agreement  
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties  
 Initiated by CDSS

We are writing to inform counties of the recent increase in the state minimum wage and to explain the impact of this increase on Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) participation requirements. Effective January 1, 2002, the state minimum wage rose to \$6.75 per hour. The current federal minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour.

Food stamp regulations at Manual of Policies and Procedures (MPP) Section 63-407.85 define minimum and maximum participation requirements for persons assigned to FSET. FSET components include work components that consist of workfare, work experience, and on-the-job training (OJT). For each month a food stamp household member is assigned to an FSET work component, the hours of participation are determined by dividing the household's monthly food stamp allotment by the higher of the state or federal minimum wage. When more than one member of the same household participates in a work component, the total number of required hours for all participants is determined by the minimum wage calculation (refer to ACIN I-34-99, question 4).

Since the state minimum wage is higher than the federal minimum wage, it should be used when calculating hours of participation in an FSET work component. The higher state minimum wage will reduce the hours of participation required for food stamp applicants and recipients, including ABAWDs who are assigned to FSET workfare, work experience or OJT.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Robert Nevins at (916) 654-1408.

Sincerely,

**Original Document Signed By**  
**Charr Lee Metsker on 02/20/02**

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Employment and Eligibility Branch

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