

New Welfare-to-Work Rules

If you are on CalWORKs :

The rules have changed

- As of January 1, 2013, you may be able to do fewer hours.
- Adults still only get 48 months (4 years) of aid for themselves **but**
- You have more options on the activities you have to do as part of being in the program. For 24 total months, you can focus on the activities you need to prepare you for work and eventually going off welfare. These months do NOT have to be in a row. **For 24 months, you can do JUST school, if that's what you need.**
- After you use the total 24 months (plus any extension you may get), you will need to be meeting the federal rules in order to keep getting money for yourself. Federal rules generally require work (including work experience, internships, etc.) to be your main activity for a certain number of hours; once you meet those hours, you can still do other things (like school).

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What does this mean for me?

- ♦ You may be able to change your activities, *including stopping work or cutting you hours*, **but you must talk to your worker before making job changes.**
- ♦ You will get an appointment to talk about the new rules and get a new plan. You should be allowed to do any activity identified in your assessment. You can ask for a new assessment if your needs/goals have changed or if you feel your activities are based on what the county thought you needed to meet the old rules that required “core” work hours and not what you needed to get work that would let you support your family without aid.
- ♦ **Call your worker right away or send in the form on the back if:**
 - ♦ You are a student who wants a new plan with more education time or only education as your assignment.
 - ♦ You were excused from the work program because the county said it didn't have funds for services like child care and transportation. (As of January 1st you are using your 48 months on aid again).

When doing welfare-to-work, the County will cover:

- ♦ child care
 - ♦ transportation
 - ♦ training/education/work expenses
- You have the right to get paid in advance for these expenses.**

