Employment Exemption

In order to be exempt from the ABAWD work requirement due to employment, a member must:

* Be working a minimum of 80 hours per month, or
* Have monthly earnings after business expenses of $935.25 or above.

**Examples:**

*Example 1*: I work 80 hours per month at $7.25 per hour, so my gross income is $580. I’m exempt because I’m working 80 hours.

*Example 2*: I work 60 hours per month at $20.00 per hour, so my gross income is $1200. I’m exempt because my earnings are above $935.25.

*Example 3*: I am self-employed working 80 hours per month; my countable self-employment income (from the FS budget page) is $500. I am exempt because I’m working 80 hours.

*Example 4*: I am self-employed working 60 hours per month; my countable self-employment income (from the FS budget page) is $1000. I am exempt because my earnings are above $935.25.

*Example 5:* I am self-employed working 60 hours per month, my countable self-employment (SE) income (from the FS budget page) is $0 because my SE expenses meet or exceed the SE income. I am not exempt because I am neither working 80 hours per month nor are my countable earnings above $935.25.