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June 22, 2022

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Re: Vermont ABAWD Waiver Revised Request

Dear Bonnie,

Please find enclosed Vermont's request for a waiver of the time limit requirement for individuals in Vermont based on the determination that the State does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for individuals. This request is based on information from the US Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance Services that Vermont qualifies for extended unemployment benefits. This is a revised request is to provide for this waiver through November 30, 2022.

If you have any questions or wish to seek further clarification about this request, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie Wisdom at [leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov](mailto:leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Tousignant".

Nicole Tousignant  
Economic Benefits Director

Enc.





## STATE WAIVER REQUEST

1. **Waiver Serial Number (if applicable):** 2130033
2. **Type of request:** Initial
3. **Statutory citation:** 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)
4. **Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR § 273.24
5. **State:** Vermont
6. **Region:** Northeast
7. **Regulatory requirements:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides that no able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) shall be eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to but did not comply with the ABAWD work requirement.
8. **Description of alternative procedures:** The State of Vermont is requesting a waiver to exempt residents residing in the entire state from the SNAP time limit at 7 CFR 273.24. This waiver would replace the existing waiver ending September 30, 2022.
9. **Justification for request:**

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR § 273.24(f)(1)(ii), FNS may waive the time limit for a group of individuals in the State if it determines that the area in which the individuals reside does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. The State may support a claim of insufficient jobs by submitting evidence that the State qualifies for extended unemployment benefits within the past 12 months (7 C.F.R. § 273.24(f)(2)(ii)).

The Department of Labor's Trigger Notice No. 2020 – 47<sup>1</sup> shows the State's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) was: (1) 5.25 percent and (2) 704 percent of the 13-week rate for the corresponding period in the two preceding years, making the State eligible for extended unemployment benefits.
10. **Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:**

This waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations.

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<sup>1</sup> Extended Benefits Trigger Notices can be found at [http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp). Trigger notice 2020-47 was issued the week of December 6, 2020.

**11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):**

This waiver affects the entire state.

**12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:**

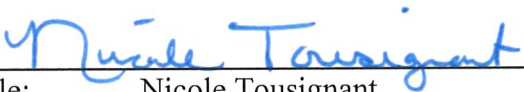
The State is requesting a one-year waiver from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

**13. Proposed quality control review procedures:**

There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

**14. State agency submitting waiver request and State contact person:**

**15. Signature and title of requesting official:**

  
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Title: Nicole Tousignant  
Economic Benefits Director  
Economic Services Division, Department for Children and Families

Email for transmission of response: [leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov](mailto:leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov)

**16. Date of request:** June 22, 2022

**17. State agency staff contact (name/email/telephone):** Leslie Wisdom,  
[leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov](mailto:leslie.wisdom@vermont.gov), 802-585-4852

**18. Regional office contact person (to be completed by FNS regional office):**

**TRIGGER NOTICE NO. 2020 - 47**  
**FEDERAL-STATE EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1970, AS AMENDED.**  
**Effective December 6, 2020**

|   |   |                  | INDICATORS                                  |                                 |                         |                          |                | STATUS             |                              |
|---|---|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|   |   |                  | 13 Weeks<br>Insured<br>Unemployment<br>Rate | Percent<br>of<br>Prior<br>Years | 3 months<br>S.A.<br>TUR | Percent of Prior<br>Year | Second<br>Year | Available<br>Weeks | Begin Date(B)<br>End Date(E) |
|   |   | & Alabama        | 1.69                                        | 220                             | 6.0                     | 222                      | 158            |                    | E 09-26-2020                 |
| @ |   | Alaska           | 6.88                                        | 334                             | 6.8                     | 110                      | 108            | 20 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| # |   | & Arizona        | 4.78                                        | 593                             | 6.9                     | 150                      | 147            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
|   |   | & Arkansas       | 2.60                                        | 312                             | 7.0                     | 194                      | 194            |                    | E 10-17-2020                 |
| @ |   | California       | 11.13                                       | 687                             | 10.5                    | 269                      | 250            | 20                 | B 06-07-2020                 |
|   |   | & Colorado       | 4.35                                        | 685                             | 6.5                     | 250                      | 197            |                    | E 11-28-2020                 |
| @ |   | Connecticut      | 7.27                                        | 432                             | 7.3                     | 197                      | 183            | 20 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| @ | * | Delaware         | 4.58                                        | 500                             | 7.7                     | 197                      | 214            | 20                 | B 09-20-2020                 |
| @ |   | District of Col  | 8.08                                        | 673                             | 8.6                     | 162                      | 154            | 20                 | B 07-05-2020                 |
|   | * | & Florida        | 3.25                                        | 738                             | 7.0                     | 241                      | 206            |                    | E 11-07-2020                 |
| # | * | Georgia          | 8.52                                        | 1521                            | 5.5                     | 172                      | 145            | 13                 | B 05-10-2020                 |
| # |   | & Hawaii         | 13.56                                       | 1329                            | 14.1                    | 522                      | 522            | 13                 | B 05-17-2020                 |
|   |   | & Idaho          | 1.25                                        | 225                             | 5.3                     | 183                      | 189            |                    | E 08-22-2020                 |
| @ |   | Illinois         | 7.10                                        | 537                             | 9.4                     | 254                      | 219            | 20                 | B 07-05-2020                 |
|   |   | & Indiana        | 3.87                                        | 879                             | 5.9                     | 184                      | 169            |                    | E 11-14-2020                 |
|   | * | & Iowa           | 3.08                                        | 373                             | 4.9                     | 175                      | 196            |                    | E 10-31-2020                 |
| @ |   | Kansas           | 3.59                                        | 664                             | 6.0                     | 194                      | 188            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
|   | * | Kentucky         | 4.04                                        | 434                             | 6.8                     | 158                      | 158            |                    | E 11-28-2020                 |
| # |   | & Louisiana      | 8.39                                        | 1083                            | 8.4                     | 168                      | 171            | 13                 | B 05-10-2020                 |
|   |   | & Maine          | 3.24                                        | 549                             | 6.2                     | 214                      | 188            |                    | E 11-14-2020                 |
| # |   | & Maryland       | 4.96                                        | 516                             | 7.5                     | 214                      | 197            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| @ |   | Massachusetts    | 7.90                                        | 569                             | 9.5                     | 339                      | 288            | 20                 | B 07-05-2020                 |
| @ | * | Michigan         | 6.79                                        | 742                             | 7.6                     | 195                      | 190            | 20                 | B 11-08-2020                 |
| # |   | Minnesota        | 5.00                                        | 540                             | 6.0                     | 188                      | 207            | 13                 | B 05-03-2020                 |
| # |   | & Mississippi    | 5.14                                        | 829                             | 7.5                     | 134                      | 156            | 13                 | B 05-17-2020                 |
|   |   | & Missouri       | 2.29                                        | 357                             | 5.5                     | 167                      | 183            |                    | E 10-10-2020                 |
|   |   | & Montana        | 3.91                                        | 403                             | 5.4                     | 154                      | 150            |                    | E 11-14-2020                 |
|   |   | & Nebraska       | 1.84                                        | 657                             | 3.5                     | 117                      | 121            |                    | E 09-12-2020                 |
| @ |   | Nevada           | 10.53                                       | 839                             | 12.6                    | 332                      | 293            | 20                 | B 06-07-2020                 |
|   | * | New Hampshire    | 4.50                                        | 1000                            | 5.5                     | 212                      | 220            |                    | E 12-05-2020                 |
| @ |   | New Jersey       | 6.07                                        | 314                             | 8.7                     | 242                      | 223            | 20                 | B 07-05-2020                 |
| # |   | & New Mexico     | 7.67                                        | 774                             | 9.8                     | 204                      | 204            | 13                 | B 05-17-2020                 |
| @ |   | New York         | 8.32                                        | 684                             | 10.6                    | 272                      | 272            | 20                 | B 07-05-2020                 |
| @ |   | North Carolina   | 2.50                                        | 574                             | 6.6                     | 178                      | 169            | 13                 | B 05-17-2020                 |
|   | * | & North Dakota   | 2.21                                        | 566                             | 4.7                     | 196                      | 188            |                    | E 10-03-2020                 |
| @ |   | Ohio             | 3.90                                        | 520                             | 7.6                     | 185                      | 173            | 20 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| # |   | & Oklahoma       | 4.94                                        | 574                             | 5.7                     | 173                      | 178            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| @ |   | Oregon           | 5.74                                        | 480                             | 7.7                     | 220                      | 193            | 20 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| # |   | & Pennsylvania   | 6.97                                        | 461                             | 8.7                     | 189                      | 212            | 13                 | B 05-03-2020                 |
| # |   | & Puerto Rico    | 8.91                                        | 476                             | 8.3                     | 104                      | 98             | 13                 | B 05-03-2020                 |
| @ |   | Rhode Island     | 5.27                                        | 423                             | 10.1                    | 289                      | 266            | 20                 | B 06-07-2020                 |
| @ |   | South Carolina   | 3.36                                        | 486                             | 5.3                     | 221                      | 161            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
|   | * | & South Dakota   | 1.21                                        | 550                             | 4.2                     | 124                      | 140            |                    | E 01-24-1981                 |
|   |   | & Tennessee      | 3.06                                        | 618                             | 7.5                     | 227                      | 214            |                    | E 11-07-2020                 |
| # |   | Texas            | 5.62                                        | 616                             | 7.3                     | 209                      | 197            | 13                 | B 05-31-2020                 |
|   | * | & Utah           | 1.43                                        | 317                             | 4.4                     | 176                      | 147            |                    | E 09-26-2020                 |
| # |   | Vermont          | 5.25                                        | 704                             | 4.1                     | 171                      | 164            | 13                 | B 05-03-2020                 |
| # |   | & Virgin Islands | 8.67                                        | 622                             | 12.4                    | 253                      | 270            | 13                 | B 06-07-2020                 |
|   |   | & Virginia       | 3.62                                        | 752                             | 5.9                     | 219                      | 203            |                    | E 11-21-2020                 |
| @ | * | Washington       | 5.76                                        | 438                             | 7.6                     | 185                      | 173            | 20 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
| # |   | & West Virginia  | 4.64                                        | 380                             | 8.0                     | 160                      | 157            | 13 will            | E 12-12-2020                 |
|   |   | & Wisconsin      | 3.79                                        | 512                             | 5.8                     | 171                      | 193            |                    | E 11-07-2020                 |
|   | * | & Wyoming        | 2.45                                        | 411                             | 6.0                     | 162                      | 154            |                    | E 09-19-2020                 |

Total Number 'ON': 33

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\* - State does not have 6 % IUR option in law.

USDOL/ETA/OUI/DFAS

&amp; - State does not have TUR option in law.

12/4/2020

# - State "ON" by 13-week IUR.

@ - State "ON" by 3-month average TUR.

IUR reflects 13-week period ending November 21, 2020.

TUR reflects avg. seasonally adjusted TUR for 3-month period ending October, 2020.