March 08, 2012 Summary of Changes

Chapter	Passage	Summary
1400	1460.1904	Removed references to alternative work registration procedures with non Refugee
	1460.1906.15	Resettlement employment agencies. Re-titled passage. Removed references to alternative work registration procedures with non Refugee Resettlement employment agencies and added that an exemption be provided for residents in counties not served by RAP E&T providers.
1600	1610.0305.02, 1620.0305.02, 1630.0305.02, 1650.0305.02, 1660.0305.02	Added new passages for shared ownership of real property.
3200	3220.0206, 3260.0206	New passages establish 12-month limit on restoring lost benefits due to administrative error.

Listing of Amended Passages

1460.1904 Determination of Participation Status (RAP)

A nonexempt refugee must, except for good cause, participate in RAP E&T.

The eligibility specialist must determine the participation status (mandatory, exempt or volunteer) of each individual in the assistance group. The eligibility specialist must review each exemption and allow the individual the opportunity to claim an exemption. Exempt individuals are not required to participate.

Participation status must be determined during the initial application, each eligibility review, or upon receipt of information that a change in participation status may have occurred.

Applicants:

RAP E&T mandatory participants must participate prior to application approval or the application for the individual cannot be approved. Participation includes one of the following:

- 1. rRegistration with an appropriate agency providing employment services under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) if available in their county of residence.
- 2. If the refugee resides in an area without an RRP agency, the applicant must present proof of work registration with the RWB/designee.
- Current registration of the mandatory applicant for employment for food stamp work registration requirements.
- 4. Registration with the RWB/designee office nearest the individual's home.

RAP E&T volunteers are not formally referred to RWB/designee. However, the eligibility specialist may encourage the RAP volunteer to contact the RWB/designee for assistance in obtaining employment.

Recipients:

Participation requirements for recipients are the same as for applicants. When an exempt member becomes a mandatory participant, the redetermination cannot be completed until the requirement is met.

1460.1906.15 Residents in Counties Areas Not Served by RAP E&T (RAP)

If there is no RAP employment agency providing RAP E&T in the county area in which the refugee resides, the individual will be exempted from the RAP work registration and participation requirement based upon their residing in a remote area (county). the registration requirement is met when the applicant/recipient presents current verification of work registration with the Department of Labor and Employment Services. The most recent employment registration card must be dated within the last six months in order for the individual to be considered currently registered.

If no RWB /contract provider office is in the county, the registration must be completed in the office nearest the individual's home.

The application cannot be approved until this requirement is met for all nonexempt assistance group members.

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1610.0305.02 Shared Ownership of Real Property (FS)

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1620.0305.02 Shared Ownership of Real Property (TCA)

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3220.0206 Restoring Lost Benefits (TCA)

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Benefits will be restored to the assistance group for not more than 12 months prior to whichever of the following occurred first:

- 1. the date the Department was notified by the assistance group or by another individual or agency in writing or orally of the possibility of lost benefits; or
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