

## 3.9.1 Federal Participation Requirements

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### 3.9.1.1 Overview of federal requirements

The federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) requires States to report actual hours of participation and be able to show that all reported activities were countable, supervised, documented and verified according to federal specifications. States also face new federal restrictions on the types of activities we can count towards participation.

States must also have a system of internal controls in place by October 1, 2007 to ensure they accurately report participation data to the federal government. Washington's system of internal controls, WorkFirst Quality Assurance, is described in section 3.9.3.

This section describes the federal participation verification requirements, when they apply and the Work Verification Plan.

While there are many factors in determining the Work Participation Rate (WPR), the table below shows the basic federal work participation requirements for individual work participation.

<u>Work-Eligible TANF Recipients</u>	<u>Federal Work Participation Requirements</u>
<u>1. Each participant unless they meet the criteria in #2-6 in this chart</u>	<u>30 hrs/wk with 20 hrs/core</u>
<u>2. Recipient parents in a two-parent household who qualify for the two-parent options (see 1.2.3)</u>	<u>Combined hours of both parents</u> <u>35 hrs/wk with 30 hrs/core</u>
<u>3. Single parent/caregiver with a child under 6</u>	<u>20 hrs/wk core</u>
<u>4. Participants claiming the Infant Exemption or who are pregnant in 3rd trimester</u>	<u>None</u> <u>*Exempt when child is less than one year old if they haven't used 365 days in their lifetime.</u>

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<u>5. Teen head of households (age 18 or 19 years of age) that don't have a High School Diploma or GED</u>	<u>Maintaining satisfactory attendance in a secondary school or the equivalent.</u>
<u>6. Unmarried pregnant or parenting minors (age 17 and younger); except between infant's birth and turning 12 weeks old</u>	<u>Maintaining satisfactory attendance in a secondary school or the equivalent</u>

Please see section 1.2 for state work requirements.

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