

ABAWD Work Rules – Waived Areas

Certain clients are exempt from the ABAWD Work Rules because they reside in areas of the state that have unemployment rates of over 10 percent or that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment opportunities for residents.

As such, ABAWDs living in the areas listed below are not subject to the ABAWD Work Rules effective January 1, 2020.

CITY/TOWN

ACUSHNET

ADAMS

AGAWAM (includes Feeding Hills)

AQUINNAH

BECKET

BERKLEY

BLANDFORD

BREWSTER

BRIMFIELD

CHARLEMONT

CHATHAM (includes North Chatham, West Chatham and South Chatham)

CHESHIRE

CHESTER

CHICOPEE (includes Cabotville, Chicopee Falls, Willimansett, Fairview, Smith Highlands, Aldenville, Burnett Road and Westover)

CHILMARK (including Menemsha)

CLARKSBURG

DARTMOUTH (includes North Dartmouth, South Dartmouth, Nonquitt, Round Hill, Barney's Joy, and Mishaum Point)

DENNIS (includes Dennis Port, North Dennis, East Dennis, South Dennis, and West Dennis)

DIGHTON (including North Dighton)

EAST LONGMEDOW

EASTHAM (includes North Eastham)

EDGARTOWN (includes Chappaquiddick and Katama)

FAIRHAVEN (includes Fairhaven Center, North Fairhaven, East Fairhaven, Oxford, Poverty Point, Nasketucket, Scoticut Neck, and Winsegansett Heights)

FALL RIVER

FALMOUTH (includes East Falmouth, North Falmouth, Falmouth Village, Silver Beach, West Falmouth, Teaticket, Hatchville, Waquoit, and Woods Hole)

FLORIDA (includes Drury)

FREETOWN (includes Assonet and East Freetown)

GOSNOLD (includes the Elizabeth Islands, Nonamesset Island, Uncatena Island, Naushon Island, Pasque Island, Nashawena Island, Penikese Island, and Cuttyhunk Island)

GRANVILLE

HALIFAX

HAMPDEN

HANCOCK

HARWICH (includes Harwich Port, Harwich Center, Pleasant Lake, South Harwich, North Harwich, East Harwich, and West Harwich)

HINSDALE

HOLLAND

HOLYOKE

LAKEVILLE

LAWRENCE

LONGMEADOW

LUDLOW

MASHPEE

MATTAPOISETT

METHUEN

MIDDLEBOROUGH (frequently written as Middleboro)

MIDDLETON

MONROE (includes Monroe Bridge)

MONSON

MONTGOMERY

NEW ASHFORD

NEW BEDFORD

NORTH ADAMS

NORTH ANDOVER

OAK BLUFFS (includes East Chop)

OTIS

PALMER (includes Bondsville, Thorndike, Depot Village, and Three Rivers)

PLYMPTON

PROVINCETOWN

RAYNHAM

ROCHESTER (includes Bisbee Corner, East Rochester, North Rochester, and Varella Corner)

ROWE

RUSSELL (includes Woronoco)

SAVOY

SOMERSET

SOUTHBRIDGE

SOUTHWICK

SPRINGFIELD (includes Indian Orchard)

SWANSEA (includes Barneyville, North Swansea, Swansea Village, Birch Swamp Corner, Hortonville, Luther Corner, South Swansea, Touissett, Ocean Grove, and Smokerise)

TAUNTON

TISBURY (includes Vineyard Haven, Makonikey, Pilot Hill, West Chop and Lambert's Cove)

TOLLAND

TRURO (includes North Truro)

WALES

WARE

WARREN (includes West Warren)

WASHINGTON

WELLFLEET (includes South Wellfleet)

WEST SPRINGFIELD

WEST TISBURY (INCLUDES Vineyard Haven)

WESTFIELD

WESTPORT (includes Head of Westport, South Westport, Westport Point, Central Village, North Westport, and Westport Harbor/Acoaxet)

WILBRAHAM

WINDSOR

YARMOUTH (includes South Yarmouth, West Yarmouth, and Yarmouth Port)

83 Cities and Towns in Massachusetts Are Eligible for a Waiver in 2020

