

## Food Stamp Work Requirements and Refugee Training Programs

Refugees participating at least half-time in recognized refugee training programs are exempt from the Food Stamp Work requirements, i.e. the Food Stamp Work Program and Food Stamp Employment and Training. Students enrolled half-time in a recognized training program are also exempt. See 106 CMR 362.310(B)(8) and 362.320(B)(8). Refugee training programs that are approved, funded or operated by the Office of Refugee Resettlement are considered recognized training programs.

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## Holiday Gift Verification Notice

In October, active TAFDC, EAEDC and FS recipients who reside in the Globe Santa geographic area received the "Holiday Gift Verification" notice. Recipients may send this notice with their letter requesting to participate in the Boston Globe/Globe Santa Program. This verification notice lists the name, date of birth and gender of all children age 14 years or younger.

A second mailing is scheduled for early November for new AUs approved after the first mailing took place.

Families requesting income verification for Globe Santa who did not receive the notice should contact either the Central Office Income Verification Unit at 1-800-632-8095 or their AU Manager. This notice is now available from the Letter Request window.

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## Reference Information for Noncitizens

This is a reminder to AU Managers that there are two sources for reference material related to Noncitizen information. AU Managers are encouraged to use:

- *Entering Noncitizen Information on BEACON*, which is found in **DTA Online:Training** or through the main BEACON window: **Training Online**; and
- *Noncitizen Online Reference Guide*, which is found in **Policy Online** or through the main BEACON window: **Policy Manuals: Policy Online**;

These reference materials will help in determining program eligibility and how to enter the information on the BEACON Noncitizen window.

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