

WHERE DO I APPLY FOR FOOD STAMP BENEFITS?

Applications can be filed in person at any Food Stamp center, or through an authorized representative. You may also mail or fax your application to any Food Stamp center within the five boroughs of NYC.

WHAT IF I DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH?

Interpreter services are available.

WHAT TYPE OF DOCUMENTATION WILL I NEED TO SHOW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?

While no documentation is necessary to apply, you will eventually be asked to verify the information you present as part of the application process. Below is a list of documents which, if you provide right away, may help you get assistance sooner.

- **Proof of Identity:**
Photo ID, driver's license, passport, naturalization certificate, hospital/doctor's records, or adoption papers.
- **Proof of where you live:**
Statement from landlord/primary tenant, current rent receipt or lease, or mortgage records.
- **Proof of Income (if any):**
Current pay stubs, pay envelopes, business records, tax records, or current income tax return, etc.
- **Proof of Citizenship or Current Alien Status:**
Birth certificate, U.S. passport, USCIS documentation, military service records, etc.

Other documents may also be acceptable.

IF I DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS NOW, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS?

Yes, you can still apply. When possible, Food Stamp center staff will provide assistance in obtaining the required documents.



These Food Stamp centers are open from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday (except legal holidays).

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| Manhattan | East End - F02 2322 Third Avenue 3rd Floor New York, NY 10035 | Washington Heights - F13 4055 Tenth Avenue Lower Level New York, NY 10034 |
| | St. Nicholas - F14 132 West 125th Street 3rd Floor New York, NY 10027 | |
| Brooklyn | F15 (SSI Only) 253 Schermerhorn St. 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 | Fort Greene - F20 3050 West 21st St. 3rd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11224 |
| | Williamsburg - F21 30 Thornton Street 4th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11206 | North Brooklyn - F26 500 Dekalb Avenue 5th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11205 |
| | New Utrecht - F27 6740 4th Avenue 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11220 | Brighton - F28 2865 West 8th Street 1st Floor Brooklyn, NY 11224 |
| Bronx | Rider - F38 305 Rider Avenue 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10451 | Crotona - F46 1910 Monterey Avenue 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10457 |
| | Melrose - F40 260 East 161st Street 4th Floor Bronx, NY 10451 | |
| Queens | Rockaway - F79 219 Beach 59th St. 1st Floor Rockaway, NY 11692 | Queens - F53 32-20 Northern Blvd. 4th Floor LIC, NY 11101 |

The following centers have extended hours (except legal holidays):

| Borough | Food Stamp Center Extended Hours |
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| Manhattan | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM. Tuesday: 8:30 AM to 7 PM. |
| | Waverly - F19 12 West 14th Street 4th Floor New York, NY 10011 |
| Brooklyn | Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM. Tuesday: 8:30 AM to 7 PM. |
| | Boro Hall - F23 45 Hoyt Street 6th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201 |
| Bronx | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM. Wednesday: 8:30 AM to 7 PM. |
| | Fordham - F44 2551 Bainbridge Ave 2nd Floor Bronx, NY 10458 |
| Queens | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM. Thursday: 8:30 AM to 7 PM. |
| | Jamaica - F54 165-08 88th Avenue 3rd Floor Jamaica, NY 11432 |
| Staten Island | Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM. Friday: 8:30 AM to 7 PM. |
| | Richmond - F99 201 Bay Street 1st Floor S.I., NY 10301 |

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR, TO OBTAIN A FOOD STAMP APPLICATION:

HRA's InfoLine
1-718-557-1399

HRA's Website
www.nyc.gov/hra

Access NYC
www.nyc.gov/accessnyc

311 or
TTY (311) at: (212) 504-4115

FOOD STAMPS



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FOOD STAMPS



Human Resources Administration
Department of Social Services

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT ARE FOOD STAMPS?

Food Stamps are used "in place of cash" to provide your family with assistance when buying food. Their dollar value is on a 'swipe' card that you use just like a 'debit' card. Money is deducted when you buy food at grocery stores and supermarkets.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS?

Any individual or any family who needs assistance in buying food can apply for Food Stamps.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS?

Many people are eligible and don't realize it. You can be employed and still be eligible for Food Stamps. You can own your own home and car and still be eligible for Food Stamps. Each application is evaluated on an individual basis.

HOW CAN I GET A FOOD STAMP APPLICATION?

- Call HRA's Infoline at 1-718-557-1399.
- Pick one up from any Food Stamp center.
- Download an application from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website: www.otda.state.ny.us/main/foodstamps/
- Go to the web address www.NYC.gov and click on ACCESS NYC for an application as well as eligibility prescreening.

IF I AM RECEIVING SSI/DISABILITY BENEFITS, DO I STILL QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMP BENEFITS? WILL THEY REDUCE MY SSI/DISABILITY PAYMENTS?

Yes, you can still qualify for Food Stamp benefits even if you are in receipt of SSI/disability benefits as long as you meet the eligibility rules. Receipt of Food Stamps does not reduce your SSI/Disability payments.

HOW SOON AFTER I APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS WILL I RECEIVE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS?

In general, if you are found eligible for Food Stamps, you will receive them within 30 days. In some cases, emergency benefits can be issued sooner.

WHERE DO I APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS IF I AM HOMEBOUND?

If you are homebound, you can call the Food Stamp center that serves homebound individuals. The telephone number is (718) 722-4800.

HOW MUCH INCOME CAN I HAVE AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?

The Food Stamp Income Guidelines as of October 2007 are as follows:

| FOOD STAMP INCOME GUIDELINES | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Family Size | Gross Monthly Income Limit | Net Monthly Income Limit* | Maximum Monthly Allotment |
| 1 | \$1,107 | \$851 | \$162 |
| 2 | \$1,484 | \$1,141 | \$298 |
| 3 | \$1,861 | \$1,431 | \$426 |
| 4 | \$2,238 | \$1,721 | \$542 |
| 5 | \$2,615 | \$2,011 | \$643 |
| 6 | \$2,992 | \$2,301 | \$772 |
| 7 | \$3,369 | \$2,591 | \$853 |
| 8 | \$3,746 | \$2,881 | \$975 |
| Each Additional Member | +\$377 | +\$290 | +\$122 |

*If your household has a person who is 60 or older or who is disabled, you only need to meet the net income limit. If everyone in your household receives SSI, TANF, or SNA you do not need to meet any income limit.

Your total income, before taxes or any other subtractions, is called **gross income**. However, certain subtractions to your gross income, called deductions, are allowed. These can be for things like housing costs, child support payments, monthly medical expenses over \$35 for elderly or disabled people, or child-care costs. The amount left over after these deductions is called **net income**.

The amount of Food Stamp benefits you receive depends on your household size, expenses, and your income.