

Questions and Answers about Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (D-SNAP PD)

What is D-SNAP?

D-SNAP (Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) provides temporary food assistance to households affected by a natural disaster. Individuals and families can receive a one-time payment if they lived in the identified disaster area, and if they meet certain other requirements.

What is D-SNAP PD?

D-SNAP PD is a re-run of the Superstorm Sandy D-SNAP to settle a lawsuit that was filed by some residents of the areas hit hardest by Superstorm Sandy. They claimed that they were unable to access the D-SNAP program due to a disability. The name of that lawsuit was Toney-Dick, et al. v. Robert Doar, et al., 12 Civ. 9162 (S.D.N.Y.).

Who is eligible to apply?

- People that lived in one of the ten zip codes or two partial zip codes, listed below, on October 27, 2012:
 - **Coney Island, Brooklyn:** Zip Codes 11224 and 11235
 - **Red Hook, Brooklyn:** Zip Code 11231
 - **Gerritsen Beach South of Allen Avenue, Brooklyn:** Partial area of Zip Code 11229
 - **Lower East Side, Manhattan:** Zip Code 10002
 - **Southeast Shore, Staten Island:** Zip Code 10306
 - **North Midland Beach South of Seaview Avenue, Staten Island:** Partial area of Zip Code 10305
 - **The Rockaways, Queens:** Zip Codes 11691, 11692, 11693, 11694, and 11697; **AND**
- People that did not apply for D-SNAP in December 2012 due to a disability; **AND**
- People that had a home or self-employment business damaged, and storm-related loss of income; or incurred and paid for disaster-related expenses, from October 27, 2012 to November 25, 2012.

Who is not eligible to apply?

- People that **received** recurring SNAP benefits as of October 27, 2012.
- People that **applied** for D-SNAP in December 2012.
- People that did not apply for D-SNAP in December 2012 for a reason other than a disability.

Where can I apply?

- Coney Island Job Center, 3050 West 21st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224
- Richmond Job Center, 201 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10301
- Rockaway Job Center, 219 Beach 59th Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11692
- Union Square Job Center, 109 E 16th Street, New York, NY 10003
- Clinton Hill Job Center, 495 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238

When can I apply?

D-SNAP PD applications will be accepted at the locations listed above from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on October 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25, 2015.

How can I schedule a home visit if I can't come to an HRA location?

If you are unable to come to an HRA location to apply for D-SNAP PD, please call Infoline at **(929) 221-0047** to schedule a home visit. You can call Infoline October 3 - 25, 2015, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Infoline will be open seven days a week, except on holidays. October 25, 2015 is the last day to call to schedule a home visit.

What if I don't want to give certain information on the application?

When applying for D-SNAP PD, applicants must be honest about their personal information. They must report their income and resources accurately. Making false statements on an application for government benefits like D-SNAP PD is welfare fraud – a felony.

What is the process to apply for D-SNAP PD?

After you pass through triage where we will determine if you are eligible to apply for D-SNAP PD, you will be directed to another area. There, you will fill out your (1) D-SNAP PD application, (2) the Attestation of Disability, and (3) the Application Supplement for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP). You should also bring documents that prove your identity, place of residence on October 27, 2012, income, resources, disaster related expenses and household size. We will make copies of these documents and return them to you. After you complete your application, please give it to the HRA worker in the area where you are sitting. This worker will review your application to check that it is complete and legible. They will ask you some questions to clarify any answer that is unclear. You will be given a receipt confirming that we have received your application. If any questions about your application come up, another HRA worker will interview you to determine your eligibility.

When will I hear if I am eligible for D-SNAP PD?

You should receive a notice in the mail telling you if you were approved or denied for D-SNAP PD benefits within three to seven days.

If I am approved what will happen?

If you are approved you will receive an approval notice in the mail. Also within three to seven days, you will receive your Electronic Benefit Card in a separate mailing. This second mailing will include instructions on how to use your Electronic Benefit Card. In a third mailing you will receive your PIN.

What are the instructions for filling out the application?

Information for completing the Application for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (D-SNAP) (Form **LDSS-4988** [Rev. 6/14]):

- **Part A – HOUSEHOLD SITUATION:** Check *YES* or *NO* for each question. If a question asks for additional information, write the information in the space provided.
- **Part B – HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS AND INCOME DURING THE DISASTER PERIOD:** List only the individuals that were part of your household on October 27, 2012. Do not list any individuals with whom you were temporarily staying due to the disaster. List the income source/type, name of your employer, how often you received the income and the total net income received during the period October 27, 2012 through November 25, 2012. This includes income such as Social Security benefits and net wages received after automatic payroll deductions such as taxes, insurance premiums, union dues, and 401k contributions. Provide the employer address and phone number if you have the information.
- **Part C – RESOURCES (as of the beginning of the disaster period):** List all cash, including checking and savings accounts your household had access to during the period October 27, 2012 through November 25.
- **Part D – DISASTER EXPENSES (During the disaster period):** List your household's un-reimbursed disaster related expenses that were incurred during the period October 27, 2012 through November 25, 2012. List any expenses for food purchased at restaurants from October 27, 2012 through November 25, 2012 in the line labeled "other disaster related expenses".
- **Part F – CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:** Sign and date the application
- **Part G – ELIGIBILITY COMPUTATION (To be completed by SNAP workers):** Do not enter any information in Part G of the application.

What if I want to apply for ongoing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits?

We will give you information at the exit that will tell you how to apply for ongoing SNAP benefits.