

What You Need to Know About **The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps)**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly called the Food Stamp Program, provides food support to low-income New Yorkers including working families, the elderly and the disabled to increase their ability to purchase food. You can purchase food by using an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card where you shop.

How much income can I have and still be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits?

You can be employed, own your own home and car, have money saved, and still be eligible. Many immigrants can receive a benefit, too. You should come in and apply if you need assistance. The amount of benefits you receive depends on your household size, expenses, and your income. Each application is evaluated on an individual basis.

If I am receiving SSI/Disability benefits, do I still qualify? Will my SSI/Disability payments be reduced?

You can still qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits even if you receive SSI/disability benefits. Your benefits will not be reduced.

How can I apply?

- You can apply online and get an application as well as an eligibility prescreening by going to nyc.gov/accessnyc
- Call HRA's Infoline at 718-557-1399 or 311 and we will send you an application and information on where you can mail it in, fax or bring in person
- Download an application from HRA's website at nyc.gov/hra/foodstamps
- Pick up an application from any HRA Center.

If you have an authorized representative, he/she can file the application for you at any Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Center or at a participating community based organization. You can conduct your eligibility interview over the telephone without having to come into a SNAP center.

How soon after I apply will I receive my benefit?

It normally takes 30 days for your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program application to be processed. However, if you qualify for expedited processing, you can receive your benefits within five days.

What Type of Documentation Will I Need?

While documentation is not needed to apply, you will eventually be asked to verify the information you give us. Below is a list of documents. If you provide them right away, we can determine your eligibility faster. If you don't have all the documents, you can still apply. When possible, HRA staff can help you get them.

- **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 Immigration Status:** Birth certificate, U.S. passport, USCIS documentation, military service records, etc. (Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits will not affect your immigration case or lead to deportation.)

Centers are open M–F, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (except legal holidays).

* These centers are open M–F, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and Sat., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (except legal holidays).

Manhattan

East End - S02 Center
2322 3rd Ave., 3rd Fl.
New York, NY 10035

Washington Heights - S13 Center
4055 10th Ave., Lower Level
New York, NY 10034

St. Nicholas - S14 Center
132 West 125th St., 3rd Fl.
New York, NY 10027

* Waverly - S19 Center
12 West 14th St., 4th Fl.
New York, NY 10011

Queens

Queens - S53 Center
32-20 Northern Blvd., 2nd Fl.
Long Island City, NY 11101

Rockaway - S79 Center
219 Beach 59th St., 1st Fl.
Far Rockaway, NY 11692

* Jamaica - S54 Center
165-08 88th Ave., 3rd Fl.
Jamaica, NY 11432

Bronx

Hunts Point - S40 Center
845 Barretto Street
Bronx, NY 10474

Crotona - S46 Center
1910 Monterey Ave., 5th Fl.
Bronx, NY 10457

* Concourse - S45 Center
1375 Jerome Ave., 2nd Fl.
Bronx, NY 10452

Brooklyn

Williamsburg - S21 Center
30 Thornton St., 4th Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Coney Island - S22 Center
2857-2865 West 8th St.
Brooklyn, NY 11224

North Brooklyn - S26 Center
500 Dekalb Ave., 5th Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11205

East New York - S28 Center
404 Pine Street, 1st Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11208

* Fort Greene - S20 Center
275 Bergen St., 1st Fl.
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Staten Island

* Richmond - S99 Center
201 Bay St., 1st Fl.
Staten Island, NY 10301

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www.nyc.gov/accessnyc

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TTY 311 at: 212-504-4115

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