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OBSOLETION OF FOOD STAMP REQUIREMENT NOTICE (W-138A), ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR LEGAL ALIENS (W-515E) AND FOOD STAMP PENALTY WARNING (W-515H)

<p>Date: May 26, 2004</p>	<p>Subtopic(s): Forms</p>
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform staff that the following forms that were part of the Food Stamp and Public Assistance application kits (“A” kit) are now obsolete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W-138A Food Stamp Eligibility Requirement Notice • W-515E Eligibility Rules for Legal Aliens • W-515H Food Stamp Penalty Warning <p>The information contained in the forms listed above can be found in the following State informational booklets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Stamp Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) eligibility requirements listed in the W-138A are contained in the “What You Should Know About Your Rights and Responsibilities (When Applying for and Receiving Benefits)” (LDSS-4148A – Book 1). • The information on Food Stamp penalties contained in the W-515H is contained in the LDSS-4148A (Book 1) and in the Food Stamp Benefits Application (LDSS-4826). • The Food Stamp alien eligibility rules contained in the W-515E are included in the “What You Should Know About Social Services Programs” (LDSS-4148B – Book 2). <p>The Food Stamp Center Operational Handbook has been updated to include a current list of all State and HRA forms that are required to be included in the Food Stamp Application kit, as well as forms that must be given to the applicant at the eligibility interview.</p>

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROCEDURE?
Call 718-557-1313 then press 2 at the prompt followed by 765 or
send an e-mail to *FIA Call Center*

Revised instructions regarding forms required for the Public Assistance application kit will be provided under separate cover.

Center Directors must ensure that all existing versions of the **W-138A**, **W-515E** and **W-515H** are recycled.

Effective Immediately

Forms can now be accessed through Print on Demand at all Job Centers.

Attachments:

W-138A* Food Stamp Eligibility Requirement Notice (Obsolete)

W-515E * Eligibility Rules for Legal Aliens (Obsolete)

W-515H * Food Stamp Penalty Warning (Obsolete)

* Including Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, French, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese and Yiddish versions.



Food Stamp Eligibility Requirement Notice

This notice addresses Food Stamp requirements that may affect your eligibility for assistance.

In order to receive more than three (3) months of food stamps within the most recent 36-month period, Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDs) must meet certain work requirements as indicated below.

After you have received three (3) months of food stamps, you will not be eligible for food stamps for 33 months unless you meet the work requirements for a 30-day period or become exempt for one of the reasons listed below.

Work Requirements

- Work (including "in-kind" work and volunteer work) for a total of 80 hours per month. There is no hourly wage requirement, but the work performed must not violate any State or Federal law or regulation; or
- Participation in work activities for up to 30 hours per week, which must include work experience and other appropriate Food Stamp Employment and Training (FSET) activities as assigned; or
- Assignment to and full compliance with a Work Experience Program (WEP) assignment.

Criteria for Exemption from the ABAWD FS Eligibility Requirements*

- Persons under 18 years of age, or 50 years of age or older
- Adults in a Food Stamp household in which there is a child under 18 years of age
- Caretakers of incapacitated persons
- Pregnant women
- Persons medically certified as physically or mentally unable to be employed
- Recipients of Unemployment Insurance Benefits (UIB), or applicants for unemployment compensation who are required to register for work as part of the application process
- Students enrolled at least half time in any recognized school, training program or institution of higher education, provided they have met the student eligibility criteria for food stamps
- Applicants for SSI and Food Stamps until deemed eligible or ineligible for SSI
- Those employed or self-employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week or receiving wages equal to the Federal minimum wage times 30 hours per week
- Those participating in a drug/alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program and deemed unable to work

If you feel that one of the above exemptions applies to you, please contact your Food Stamp office. You will need to provide documentation to support your request for exemption status.

If you are not working or participating in a work program, you are strongly advised to find employment, participate in an approved training program, or volunteer for at least the number of hours equal to your Food Stamp grant divided by the minimum wage. At your next recertification appointment, you should bring documentation verifying that you are participating in an approved activity.

HRA will make qualifying work or training opportunities available to ABAWDs who request them in order to retain eligibility beyond the three-month limit.

Complying with this regulation is a Food Stamp eligibility requirement. Your case will be reviewed at your next recertification. If at the time of recertification, you have not complied with this eligibility requirement, your food stamps will be discontinued.

* Food stamp recipients who document a direct effect on their lives caused by the World Trade Center collapse or Flight 587 crash (New York City only) are also exempt from ABAWD requirements.

Aviso de Requisitos de Elegibilidad para Cupones de Alimentos

Este aviso trata de los requisitos de cupones para alimentos que pueden afectar a su elegibilidad para asistencia.

Para recibir más de tres (3) meses de cupones para alimentos dentro del período más reciente de 36 meses, los adultos sanos sin dependientes (ABAWDs) deben satisfacer ciertos requisitos de trabajo como se indican a continuación.

Después que usted haya recibido cupones para alimentos por tres (3) meses, dejará de ser elegible a cupones para alimentos por 33 meses a menos que cumpla con los requisitos de trabajo por un período de 30 días, o que quede exento debido a una de las razones listadas a continuación.

Requisitos de Trabajo

- Trabajo (incluido trabajo a cambio de servicios y trabajo de voluntario) por un total de 80 horas al mes. No existen requisitos de sueldo por hora, pero el trabajo desempeñado no debe quebrantar ninguna ley estatal o federal, o reglamentación; o
- Participación en actividades de trabajo por un máximo de 30 horas a la semana, entre las cuales deben estar incluidas experiencia de trabajo y otras actividades adecuadas de Empleo y Capacitación de Cupones para Alimentos (Food Stamp Employment and Training — FSET) como sean asignadas; o
- Asignación al Programa de Experiencia en el Trabajo (Work Experience Program — WEP) y total cumplimiento del mismo.

Criterios para Exención de los Requisitos para los ABAWDs de Cupones de Alimentos*

- Menores de 18 años de edad, o personas de 50 años de edad o mayores
- Adulto en un hogar que recibe cupones para alimentos dentro del cual habite un niño menor de 18 años de edad
- Prestadores de cuidado a personas incapacitadas
- Mujeres embarazadas
- Personas médicamente verificadas no aptas para empleo debido a una incapacidad física o mental
- Beneficiarios de Seguro por Desempleo (UIB), o solicitantes de subsidio de desempleo requeridos a inscribirse a trabajar como parte del trámite de solicitud
- Estudiantes matriculados por lo menos a medio tiempo en cualquier escuela reconocida, programa de capacitación o estudios universitarios
- Solicitantes de SSI y Cupones de Alimentos hasta que se llegue a una determinación con respecto al derecho a SSI
- Aquellas personas empleadas o que trabajan por cuenta propia por un mínimo de 30 horas a la semana, o que se les pague un sueldo equivalente al sueldo mínimo federal multiplicado por 30 horas a la semana
- Aquellas personas que participen en tratamientos por drogas/alcohol o en un programa de rehabilitación, y que se consideren que no pueden trabajar

Si usted considera que una de las exenciones antemencionadas se aplica a usted, favor de comunicarse con su oficina de cupones para alimentos. Usted tendrá que proporcionar documentos que apoyen su petición de exención.

Si usted no trabaja o no participa en un programa de trabajo, le aconsejamos fuertemente que consiga empleo, que participe en un programa de capacitación aprobado, o que trabaje de voluntario por lo menos el número de horas equivalente a la cantidad de su concesión de cupones para alimentos dividida por el salario mínimo. A su próxima cita de recertificación, debe traer documentación que compruebe que usted está participando en una actividad aprobada.

La HRA hará disponible oportunidades de capacitación o trabajo cualificado a personas sanas sin dependientes (ABAWDs) que lo soliciten, para seguir siendo elegible luego de cumplirse el límite de tres meses.

El cumplir con esta regla es un requisito de elegibilidad de cupones para alimentos. Se repasará su caso durante su próxima cita de recertificación. Si no ha cumplido con este requisito de elegibilidad a la hora de la recertificación, sus cupones para alimentos serán descontinuados.

* Beneficiarios de cupones para alimentos cuyas vidas han sido afectadas directamente por el derrumbe del World Trade Center o por la caída del vuelo 587 (Solamente la Ciudad de Nueva York) también son exentos de los requisitos ABAWD.



Eligibility Rules for Legal Aliens

Important Information for Noncitizens Regarding Food Stamp Eligibility:

Unless your status can be verified under one of the criteria below, you are not eligible to receive Food Stamps.

1. North American Indians born in Canada and covered by Section 289 of the INA
2. Members of a Federally recognized Indian tribe (as defined by Section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act) born outside the U.S.
3. Certain Hmong and Highland Laotians
4. Refugees, Refugees with Conditional Entrant Status, and Amerasians residing in the U.S.
5. Asylees residing in the U.S.
6. Aliens with Parolee Status for at least one year and who meet the Federal Food Stamp criteria
7. Cuban and Haitian entrants residing in the U.S.
8. Aliens residing in the U.S. whose deportation has been withheld
9. Veterans and members of the U.S. military on full-time active duty, their qualified spouses and/or unmarried dependent children
10. Aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence (LPR) who have worked for, or can be deemed, 40 qualifying quarters (See below.) (If you qualify under this category, you may receive food stamps for an unlimited period, if you are otherwise eligible.)
11. Battered spouse and/or dependent child of a U.S. Citizen or LPR who obtains "Notice of Prima Facie Case from BCIS*" or found eligible under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
12. Aliens in a qualified status in receipt of disability assistance or benefits regardless of date of entry
13. Aliens lawfully residing in the U.S. for at least five years in a qualified status
14. Victims of trafficking (eligible for seven years from the date on the Office of Refugee Resettlement [ORR] certification document or eligibility letter)
15. Aliens in a qualified status under the age of 18 years

Documentation Requirements

The following is a list of acceptable documentation to prove alien status:

Refugees

- **I-94:** stamped "Admitted under Section 207 of the INA, " "Refugee," "RE1, RE2, RE3, or RE4" **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "RE8-6, RE-5, RE-6, RE-7, RE-8 or RE9" **or**
- **I-571:** Refugee Travel Document **or**
- **I-688B:** Employment Authorization Card annotated with "274a12(a)(3)" **or**
- **I-766:** Employment Authorization Card annotated "A3"

Asylees

- **I-94:** stamped "Granted asylum under Section 208 of the INA" **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "AS1, AS2, AS3, AS6, AS7 or AS8" **or**
- **I-688B:** Employment Authorization Card annotated with "274a 12(a)(5)" **or**
- **I-766:** Employment Authorization Document annotated "A5" **or**
- Grant letter from the BCIS* Asylum Office **or**
- Order of an immigration judge granting asylum

Amerasians

- **I-94:** stamped "AM1, AM2, or AM3, AM6, AM7, AM8" **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "AM6, AM7 or AM8" **or**
- Temporary **I-551** stamp in foreign passport **or**
- **I-571:** Refugee Travel Document **or**
- Vietnamese exit visa or passport stamped "AM1, AM2 or AM3"

* Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Cuban and Haitian Entrants

- **I-94:** stamped "Cuban/Haitian Entrant (or status pending)," "Section 212(d)(5) of the INA," "Form I-589 Filed," or "CU6," or "CU7" **or**
- **I-94:** stamp showing parole under Section 212(d)(5) of INA or stamp showing parole in US on or after 10/10/80 and reasonable evidence that parolee has been a national (citizen) of Cuba or Haiti¹ **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "CU6, CU7 or CH6" **or**
- Temporary **I-551** stamp in foreign passport **or**
- BCIS notice or letters indicating ongoing exclusion or deportation proceedings **or**
- A letter from BCIS indicating individual applied for asylum

Aliens Whose Deportation or Removal Was Withheld

- **I-688B:** Employment Authorization Card annotated with "274a12(a)(10)" **or**
- **I-766:** Employment Authorization Document annotated "A10" **or**
- Order from Immigration Judge showing the date deportation was withheld under Section 243(h) of the INA as in effect prior to April 1, 1997, or removal withheld under Section 241(b)(3) of INA

North American Indian Born in Canada

- **I-94:** stamped "S13" **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "S13"; temporary **I-551** stamp in a Canadian passport **or**
- Letter or other tribal document certifying at least 50% American Indian blood, as required by Section 289 of the INA **or**
- A birth or baptismal certificate issued on a reservation **or**
- School records **or**
- Other satisfactory evidence of birth in Canada

Members of Federally Recognized Tribe Born Outside US

- Membership card or other tribal document demonstrating membership in a Federally recognized Indian Tribe under INA Section 4(e) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act

Veterans/US Military Members, their Qualified Spouses and/or Unmarried Dependent Children

- A copy of the veteran's military discharge (**DD-214**) that is marked "Honorable" **or**
- Military Identification Card (**DD Form 2**) (**Active**) that lists an expiration date of more than one year from the date of determination; if ID card is due to expire within one year from the date of determination, use a copy of current military orders

Lawfully Admitted Aliens with, or who Can be Deemed, Forty (40) Qualifying Quarters

- **Proof of qualifying quarters, and**
- **I-551:** (Alien Registration Card) **or**
- Temporary **I-551** stamp in foreign passport or on **I-94** **or**
- **I-327:** (Re-entry Permit) **or**
- **I-181:** Memorandum of Creation of Lawful Permanent Residence with approval stamp

Battered Spouse and/or Dependent Child of a U.S. Citizen or LPR who obtains "Notice of Prima Facie Case from BCIS" or found eligible under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- **I-797:** indicating approved, pending or prima facie determination of **I-360** (Petitioning by self-petitioning immigrant of abusive U.S. Citizen or LPR) under Section 204(a)(1)(iii) or (iv), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(i) or (iii) **or**
- **I-797:** indicating approved or pending **I-130** (visa petition) under Section 204(a)(1)(A)(i) or (ii), or Section 204(a)(1)(B)(i) **or**
- Order from Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) granting of suspension of deportation under Section 244(a)(3) or cancellation of removal under Section 240A(b)(2)

Hmong or Highland Laotian

- Documents to show lawfully residing in the US **and**
- **I-94:** stamped "Admitted under Section 207 of the INA, "Refugee," "RE1, RE2, RE3, or RE4" **or**
- **I-551:** stamped "RE5, RE6, RE7, RE8, or RE9" **or**
- Has a signed affidavit sworn under penalty of law that s/he was a member of a Hmong or Highland Laotian tribe between 8/5/64 and 5/7/75 or a verified spouse (divorced spouses do not qualify), widow, widower or unmarried dependent of a tribal member

¹EXCEPTION: This guideline does not apply when the individual was paroled solely to testify as a witness in a judicial, administrative or legislative proceeding or when the parolee is in legal custody pending criminal prosecution.

Conditional Entrant Status

(Status granted to refugees before 1980)

- **I-94**: with stamp showing admitted under Section 203(a)(7) of INA **or**
- **I-688B**: (Employment Authorization Card) annotated "274a12(a)(3)" **or**
- **I-766**: (Employment Authorization Document) annotated "A1, A3"

Victim of Human Trafficking

- Certification Document (for adults) or Eligibility Letter (for children) from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) **or**
- **I-94**: Coded T1 or T2 stating admission under Section 212(d)(5) of the INA if status granted for at least one year

Parolee

(In status for at least one year and who meets the Federal Food Stamp criteria)

- **I-94**: with annotation "Paroled pursuant to Section 212(d)(5) or "parole" or "PIP" with date of entry and date of expiration indicating one year **or**
- **I-688B**: annotated "Section 274a.12(a)(4), 274(a)12(c)(11)" **or**
- **I-766**: annotated "C11" or "A4," and **I-94** indicating admitted for at least one year

Qualified Aliens in Receipt of Disability Assistance or Benefits

(These individuals must provide documentation of their alien status as listed in the categories above in addition to providing the documentation listed below.)

- Social Security Income (SSI) award letter
- Social Security Disability (SSD) award letter
- Verification of Medicaid disability determination

Additional Information

You may submit form **SSA-7004** to the Social Security Administration (SSA) requesting a benefit estimate. The SSA will send you a complete record of your qualifying quarters. You may also submit income tax records, pay stubs, letters from your employer(s) or business partner(s), and/or a written statement from you regarding your work history. We may accept your statement regarding the number of qualifying quarters you have worked until we receive the required proof.

Explanation of Qualifying Quarters

A qualifying quarter of work is earned when you or your spouse earn a specified amount of money and pay into SSA's Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). You or your spouse do not have to actually earn the specified amount in each quarter of the year to earn a qualifying quarter. Whenever you earn the qualifying amount, you are credited with up to four (4) quarters for that calendar year. However, when the income has been earned months earlier, credit cannot be given prior to the first day of the quarter. This means that you could earn the total qualifying amount for the entire year in January, and would be credited with qualifying quarters at the beginning of each calendar quarter. For example: You earn \$2,520 in January. If the qualifying amount for a quarter in that year was \$630, the amount is enough to qualify you for all four quarters in that year ($4 \times 630 = \$2,520$). You would earn one quarter on January 1st, another on April 1st, another on July 1st and the last quarter on October 1st of that year.

A qualifying quarter of work can be earned/credited for the following: quarters earned by a parent, while the LPR was under 18 years of age including time prior to LPR's birth, or any quarters earned by a spouse/common-law partner during the marriage. LPR credited with parent's quarters while under 18 years of age retain those quarters forever. If both husband and wife each have 20 quarters, they both meet the requirement because they have worked 40 quarters between them. However, if a couple divorces any quarters earned by an ex-spouse prior to the divorce can no longer be credited to the other spouse. Widows/widowers can retain credit for quarters earned by their deceased spouse during the marriage.

To find out if you are eligible for citizenship, or to obtain documentation proving your status, please contact the **BCIS National Customer Service at (800) 375-5283**. This service can also provide information as well as referrals to community-based organizations that can provide you with free or low cost legal services to help you prove or adjust your immigration status.

To request a Benefit Estimate form, call the **Social Security Administration for free at (800) 772-1213**. If you are using the Benefit Estimate form for your parents or your spouse, they must apply to the Social Security Administration for their own benefit estimate.

FOOD STAMP PENALTY WARNING

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996/enacted August 22, 1996, made several changes to the Food Stamp (FS) Act of 1977 that may affect your eligibility for food stamp benefits:

Intentional Program Violation (IPV)

Any member of your household who intentionally breaks any of the following rules can be barred from the food stamp program for: one (1) year for the first FS-IPV; two (2) years for the second FS-IPV; and permanently upon the third FS-IPV.

An individual who knowingly uses, transfers, acquires, alters, or possesses coupons, authorization cards, or access devices including Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards in any manner contrary to federal law or regulations shall, if such coupons, authorization cards, or access devices are of a value of \$5,000 or more, be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not more than \$250,000 or **imprisoned** for not more than twenty (20) years, or both.

Further, if such coupons or authorization cards are of a value of \$100 or more, but less than \$5,000, or if the item used, transferred, acquired, altered, or possessed is an access device (EBT card) that has a value of \$100 or more, but less than \$5,000, such individual shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon the first conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both. Upon the second and any subsequent conviction thereof, such individual shall be imprisoned for not less than six months nor more than five years and may also be fined not more than \$10,000.

If the item used, transferred, acquired, altered, or possessed is an access device (EBT card) that has value of less than \$100, the individual shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon the first conviction thereof, such individual shall be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both. Upon the second and any subsequent conviction thereof, such individual shall be imprisoned for not more than one year and may also be fined not more than \$1,000.

- Do not give false information, or hide information to qualify for or continue to get food stamps.
- Do not trade or sell food stamp (FS) benefits or FS identification/benefit cards.
- Do not alter food stamp identification/benefit cards to get food stamp benefits you're not entitled to receive.
- Do not use food stamp benefits to buy ineligible items, such as alcoholic drinks and tobacco.
- Do not use someone else's food stamp benefits or identification cards for your household.

Any member of your household who is found guilty in a court of law for buying or selling controlled substances, illegal drugs or certain drugs for which a doctor's prescription is required, in exchange for food stamp benefits, is ineligible to receive food stamp benefits for two (2) years for the first offense and permanently for the second offense.

Any member of your household who is found guilty in a court of law of buying or selling firearms, ammunition or explosives in exchange for food stamp benefits will never be able to get food stamp benefits again.

Trafficking

Any member of your household convicted of an offense for knowingly using, transferring, acquiring, altering, or possessing, food stamp benefits worth \$500.00 or more will be permanently disqualified from eligibility for food stamps.

False Statements about Identity or Residence

Any member of your household who makes a fraudulent statement about who he/she is or where he/she resides, in order to receive multiple food stamp benefits simultaneously will not be able to get food stamp benefits for 10 years.

Fleeing Felons

Any member of your household who is fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody or confinement for a felony or attempted felony, or who is violating a condition of probation or parole is not eligible to receive food stamps.

ADVERTENCIA DE PENALIDAD DE CUPONES PARA ALIMENTOS

El Acta de Reconciliación de Responsabilidad Personal y Oportunidad de Trabajo del 1996/promulgado el 22 de agosto del 1996, le hizo varios cambios al Acta de Cupones para Alimentos (FS) del 1977, los cuales pueden afectar su elegibilidad para beneficios de Cupones para Alimentos:

Violación Intencional al Programa (IPV)

Cualquier miembro de su hogar, que intencionalmente viole alguna de las siguientes reglas, puede ser excluido del programa de cupones para alimentos por un (1) año por la primera violación (FS-IPV); dos (2) años por la segunda violación (FS-IPV); y permanentemente después de la tercera violación (FS-IPV).

Cualquier persona quien a sabiendas usa, transfiere, adquiere, altera, o posee cupones, tarjetas de autorización, o aparatos para lograr acceso incluyendo tarjetas electronicas de transferencia de beneficios ("EBT") de cualquier manera contrario a las leyes o reglamentaciones federales serán, si dichos cupones, tarjetas de autorización o aparatos de acceso tienen un valor de \$5,000 o más, culpables de un delito mayor y serán multados no más de \$250,000 o encarcelado por no más de veinte (20) años, o ambos.

Además, si dichos cupones o tarjetas de autorización tienen un valor de \$100 o más, pero menos de \$5,000, o si el artículo usado, transferido, adquirido, alterado, o poseído, es un aparato de acceso (tarjeta EBT) que tiene un valor de \$100 o más, pero menos de \$5,000, dicha persona será culpable de un delito mayor y será, en la primera condena de este, multado por no más de \$10,000 o encarcelado por no más de cinco años, o ambos. En la segunda y cualquier otra condena subsiguiente de este, dicha persona será encarcelada por no menos de seis meses ni más de cinco años y también puede ser multado por no más de \$10,000.

Si el artículo usado, transferido, adquirido, alterado, o procesado es un aparato de acceso (tarjeta EBT) que tiene un valor de menos de \$100, la persona será culpable de un delito menor, y, en la primera condena de este, dicha persona será multada \$1,000 o encarcelado por no más de un año, o ambos. En la segunda y cualquier condena de este, dicha persona será encarcelada por no más de un año y también puede ser multado por no más de \$1,000.

- No brinde información falsa, ni oculte información para calificar o continuar recibiendo cupones para alimentos.
- No cambie o venda beneficios de cupones para alimentos (FS) o tarjetas de beneficios/ identificación de cupones para alimentos (FS).
- No altere tarjetas de beneficios/ identificación de cupones para alimentos para obtener beneficios que usted no está autorizado a recibir.
- No use beneficios de cupones para alimentos para comprar artículos ilegales, tales como bebidas alcohólicas y tabaco.
- No use los beneficios o tarjetas de identificación de otra persona para su familia.

Cualquier miembro de su hogar que sea encontrado culpable en un tribunal de justicia por comprar o vender sustancias controladas, drogas ilegales o ciertas drogas para las cuales se requiere una receta médica, a cambio de beneficios de cupones para alimentos, es ilegible para recibir beneficios de cupones para alimentos por un período de dos (2) años por la primera ofensa y permanentemente por la segunda ofensa.

Cualquier miembro de su hogar que sea encontrado culpable en un tribunal de justicia por comprar o vender armas de fuego, municiones o explosivos, a cambio de beneficios de cupones para alimentos, nunca más podrá obtener beneficios de cupones para alimentos otra vez.

Traficando

Cualquier miembro de su hogar convicto de una ofensa por usar, adquirir, alterar o poseer intencionalmente beneficios de cupones para alimentos por un valor de \$500.00 o más, será permanentemente descalificado de ser elegible para cupones para alimentos.

Declaración Falsa sobre Identidad o Residencia

Cualquier miembro de su hogar que haga una declaración fraudulenta con respecto a quién el/ella es o dónde el/ella reside, para recibir beneficios múltiples de cupones para alimentos, no podrá recibir cupones para alimentos por 10 años.

Criminal Fugitivo

Cualquier miembro de su hogar que está huyendo para evitar ser encausado, caer en custodia o confinamiento por un delito mayor o un atentado a un delito mayor, o que este violando una condición de su probatoria o su libertad bajo palabra no es elegible para recibir cupones para alimentos.