



INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT SNAP

FOOD STAMPS

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is SNAP/ Food Stamps?

SNAP is the federal name for food assistance programs. SNAP was formerly known as the food stamp program in Washington DC. The program helps families in need with an EBT card that can be used like a debit card to buy groceries at specified stores that accept EBT.

Who Can Receive SNAP/Food stamps?

Individuals (even if you are working), families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, people with a disability, many legal immigrants, and citizen children of undocumented immigrants can all receive SNAP (formerly called Food Stamps) if the eligibility requirements are met. Household size and income determine eligibility.

How Do I Apply for SNAP/Food Stamps?

Complete the application : Applications are available at each of the Economic Security Administration (ESA, formerly Income Maintenance Administration-IMA) offices or online at <http://dhs.dc.gov/dhs>. Fill out the application as best as you can. Note: this is a joint application for Food Stamps/Medicaid/TANF. You only need to fill out the portions labeled for Food Stamps.

Turn in your application : Take your application to your assigned ESA office. To find your assigned office call (202) 698-3900. If possible, have enough time to wait for an interview with a caseworker. If not, turn in your application, and be prepared to come back for an interview.

Meet with a caseworker:

The caseworker will help you complete the application process. They will inform you of any missing documentation and other programs you might be eligible for. Be sure to ask your caseworker any questions you may have or if you have problems collecting your documentation.

What Do I Need to Bring When I Apply?

- Photo ID
- Social Security Number
- Proof of DC residency
- **Proof of income such as:**
 - Pay stub from last month of work
 - Social security benefit
 - Unemployment benefit
- **Proof of expenses such as:**
 - Rent or mortgage receipt
 - Utility bills (including cell phone)
 - Childcare/child support payments
 - Medical bills (if over 60, or disabled)

*For more information about sanctions, please call the
Family Assessment and Resource Center at (202) 727-5355*

