

*What You Need to Know About*  
**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**



**Human Resources  
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Social Services

**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as 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 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 benefits even if you receive SSI/disability benefits. Your benefits will not be reduced.

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).

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## **Manhattan**

East End - F02  
2322 3rd Ave., 3rd Fl.

St. Nicholas - F14  
132 West 125th St., 3rd Fl.

Washington Heights - F13  
4055 10th Ave., Lower Level

\* Waverly - F19  
12 West 14th St., 4th Fl.



*Due to the recent change the Food Stamp Program is now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Any reference to Food Stamps will mean Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program Benefits (SNAP), and vice versa.*

### *How can I apply?*

- **You can apply online and get an application as well as an eligibility prescreening by going to [nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://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](http://nyc.gov/hra/foodstamps)**
- **Pick up an application from any HRA Center.**

### **Queens**

Queens - F53  
32-20 Northern Blvd., 2nd Fl.

Rockaway - F79  
219 Beach 59th St., 1st Fl.

\* Jamaica - F54  
165-08 88th Ave., 3rd Fl.

### **Bronx**

Melrose - F40  
260 East 161st St., 4th Fl.

Crotona - F46  
1910 Monterey Ave., 5th Fl.

\* Concourse - F45  
1375 Jerome Ave., 2nd Fl.



If you have an authorized representative, he/she can file it for you at any Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Center or at a participating community based organization. If you are working, are elderly or disabled, have problems with child care, or difficulty traveling to our office, you can ask to have your eligibility interview over the phone.

### *How soon after I apply will I receive my benefit?*

If you qualify for expedited processing of your Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program application, you will receive them within five days.

## **Brooklyn**

Williamsburg - F21  
30 Thornton St., 4th Fl.

Coney Island - F22  
3050 West 21st St., 1st Fl.

North Brooklyn - F26  
500 Dekalb Ave., 4th Fl.

East New York - F28  
404 Pine Street, 1st Fl.

\* Fort Greene - F20  
275 Bergen St., 1st Fl.

## **Staten Island**

\* Richmond - F99  
201 Bay St., 2nd Fl.

## 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 benefits will not affect your immigration case or lead to deportation.)



## Access NYC

[www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc)

## 311 or

TTY 311 at: 212-504-4115

## HRA's Website

[www.nyc.gov/hra](http://www.nyc.gov/hra)



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

*The SNAP Income Guidelines and maximum monthly allotment as of October 2012 are as follows:*

SNAP INCOME GUIDELINES			
Family Size	Gross Monthly Income Limit*	Net Monthly Income Limit**	Maximum Monthly Allotment
1	\$1,211	\$931	\$200
2	\$1,640	\$1,261	\$367
3	\$2,069	\$1,591	\$526
4	\$2,498	\$1,921	\$668
5	\$2,927	\$2,251	\$793
6	\$3,356	\$2,581	\$952
7	\$3,785	\$2,911	\$1,052
8	\$4,214	\$3,241	\$1,202
Each Additional Member	+ \$429	+ \$330	+ \$150

\*Households that incur dependent care expenses are subject to higher gross income limits.

\*\*If your household has a person who is 60 or older or disabled, you only need to meet the net income limit. If everyone in your household receives SSI or Cash Assistance 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, child support payments, monthly medical expenses over \$35 for elderly or disabled people, or dependent care. The amount left over after deductions is called net income.

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