

# Certification Period Extension for Households Receiving SNAP Experiencing Homelessness

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT CERTIFICATION PERIOD FOR HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Currently, households experiencing homelessness in the District are assigned a 6-month certification period.

## WHAT WILL BE THE NEW CERTIFICATION PERIOD FOR HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Beginning September 2023, the District plans to provide all households experiencing homelessness a 12-month certification period.

## HOW WILL HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BE NOTIFIED OF THIS CHANGE?

At the end of July 2023, DCAS/DHS sent a notice to all households receiving SNAP experiencing homelessness to inform them of the following:

- Their certification period has been extended to 12-months.
- They do not need to recertify until their new benefit end date (which will appear in the notice).
- The requirement to complete a mid-certification form.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS?

Households receiving SNAP experiencing homelessness do not need to recertify until their new benefit end date. We will send you a notice to remind you when it is time to submit a recertification application.

## HOW WILL HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS BE NOTIFIED THAT A MID-CERTIFICATION FORM IS DUE?

Households receiving SNAP experiencing homelessness will receive a separate, system-generated notice informing them of their requirement to complete the attached mid-certification form.

If they do not return their mid-certification form and proof of changes to us by the due date for their upcoming mid-certification, their SNAP benefits may stop.

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## WHAT SHOULD HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS DO WHEN THEY RECEIVE A NOTICE TO RECERTIFY THEIR BENEFITS?

After receiving their recertification notice, complete the form online - [districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/](https://districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/) or visit their local Service Center to complete the recertification to avoid any loss of SNAP benefit.

- Online. Visit [districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/](https://districtdirect.dc.gov/ua/) or download the District Direct app in the Google Play or Apple app stores.
- In Person. Service Centers are open 7:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Monday - Friday at the following locations:

### ANACOSTIA SERVICE CENTER

2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE, DC 20020

Congress Heights Service Center

4049 South Capitol St. SW, DC 20032

### FORT DAVIS SERVICE CENTER

3851 Alabama Ave. SE, DC 20020

H Street Service Center

645 H St. NE, DC 20002

### TAYLOR STREET SERVICE CENTER

1207 Taylor St. NW, DC 20011

## WHO CAN CUSTOMERS CONTACT IF THEY HAVE MORE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE?

For information and questions, customers can call the Public Benefits Call Center at 202-727-5355 or TTY 711 or visit [dhs.dc.gov/service/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap](https://dhs.dc.gov/service/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap).