

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND FACTS ABOUT FOOD STAMPS SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)



## WHAT IS SNAP/FOOD STAMPS?

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the new federal name for the traditional food assistance program, also known as the Food Stamp program. Families in need utilize an Electronic Benefit Transfer (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, persons experiencing homelessness, persons with a disability, many legal immigrants, and citizen children of undocumented immigrants can all receive **SNAP/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), 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 I.D.**
- **Social Security Number**
- **Proof of D.C. 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)

## HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SNAP?

For more information about Food Stamps, please call the Family Resource Center at **202.727.5355**

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