

# CALFRESH FACT SHEET



<p><b>WHAT IS A CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual living alone</li> <li>• An individual living with others but who buys food and prepares meals separately</li> <li>• A group of individuals living together who buys food and prepares meals together</li> <li>• Parents living with their children 21 years old or younger</li> <li>• Adult children (22 years or older) living with their parents who buy food and prepare meals separately from the parents</li> <li>• A woman, with or without children, living temporarily in a battered women’s shelter</li> </ul>																											
<p><b>HOW DO I QUALIFY?</b></p>	<p>Eligibility is determined by your household size, income, expenses, and a few other factors.</p>																											
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<p><b>ARE MY RESOURCES COUNTED?</b></p>	<p>Resources are exempted from eligibility determination for all CalFresh households, except for Expedited Services and for certain elderly or disabled households.</p> <p>Any income generated from resources (e.g. bank account interest, stock dividends, rental income, etc.) is counted as part of the household’s total gross income.</p>																											
<p><b>WHAT ARE EXPEDITED SERVICES?</b></p>	<p>Expedited Services provide more immediate food assistance for certain households. To receive Expedited Services, the applicant must be otherwise eligible, give <b>proof of identification</b>, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your household gross monthly income <b>and</b> liquid resources are less than your rent/mortgage and utility expenses; OR</li> <li>• Your household gross monthly income is less than \$150, <b>and</b> your total household liquid resources are less than \$100.</li> </ul> <p>Expedited Services provides CalFresh benefits by the 3<sup>rd</sup> calendar day following the application date. A weekend (Saturday and Sunday) is considered one calendar day.</p>																											
<p><b>WHAT IF I AM ON OTHER AID?</b></p>	<p>If you are receiving CalWORKS or CAAP, you may be eligible for CalFresh. (<b>NOTE:</b> SSI/SSP recipients are <b>not</b> eligible for CalFresh.)</p>																											
<p><b>WHAT IF I AM ELDERLY OR DISABLED?</b></p>	<p>You may be eligible for CalFresh benefits. San Francisco has many customers who are currently on CalFresh and fit one or more of the following criteria: aged 60 or over; recipient of Social Security Disability (<u>not</u> SSI/SSP); recipient of Medi-Cal due to a disability; recipient of a full VA pension; high rent, utility, and/or medical expenses.</p>																											
<p><b>WHAT IS AN ABAWD?</b></p>	<p>An Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) is 18 to 49 years old without a minor living in the home. An ABAWD must meet a work requirement or have an exemption such as attending college or receiving unemployment to receive more than three months of CalFresh during a three-year period. Call today to learn about our work and training opportunities.</p>																											

<p><b>WHAT IF I AM ATTENDING COLLEGE?</b></p>	<p>Certain college students are also eligible for CalFresh benefits. Anyone 50 and older is eligible for CalFresh. For those aged 18 to 49 and enrolled at least half time, they must meet at least one other criteria on the date of the CalFresh interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average of at least 20 hours of work per week</li> <li>• Approval for state or federal work study for the current term</li> <li>• Parental responsibility for a dependent under age 6</li> <li>• Parental responsibility for a dependent at least age 6 but under age 12 with no adequate child care</li> <li>• Single parental responsibility for a dependent under age 12</li> </ul>
<p><b>WHAT LANGUAGES ARE AVAILABLE?</b></p>	<p>San Francisco CalFresh has applications and on-site workers for the following languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese), Russian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog. There is an on-site worker who meets with individuals who are disabled or hearing impaired. There is also a Language Line for other languages not listed above.</p>
<p><b>HOW DO I ACCESS MY BENEFITS?</b></p>	<p>Households are issued a plastic Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). The EBT card holds CalFresh benefits like an ATM debit card, and can be accessed at a Point of Sale (POS) machine with a participating store or farmers' market. The purchase amount is deducted from your CalFresh account. To locate the stores nearest you, visit <a href="http://www.snapretailerlocator.com">www.snapretailerlocator.com</a>.</p> <p>Elderly, disabled, and homeless households may use their EBT card to purchase prepared (cooked) food from authorized restaurants in San Francisco by participating in the Restaurant Meals Program. Visit <a href="http://www.sfhsa.org/services/health-food/calfresh/using-calfresh-benefits/calfresh-restaurant-meals-program">www.sfhsa.org/services/health-food/calfresh/using-calfresh-benefits/calfresh-restaurant-meals-program</a> for a list of participating restaurants.</p>
<p><b>WHAT MUST I COMPLETE AFTER APPROVAL?</b></p>	<p>Households must file a Semi-Annual Report (SAR-7) during their certification period. Once that period ends, they also must complete an interview and paperwork (CF 37) to renew benefits.</p>
<p><b>WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?</b></p>	<p>If you feel there are delays in processing your application, your worker did not understand the facts in determining your eligibility, or you have been denied a reasonable accommodation to enable you to comply with program requirements, you may write for a state hearing to:</p> <p>APPEALS UNIT  S600 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  P.O. BOX 7988  SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94120</p> <p>Regardless of your eligibility, you have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect when you apply for CalFresh. DHS will not discriminate against anyone because of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, domestic partnership, ethnic group identification, place of birth, gender identity, height, weight, or AIDS or related medical condition. If you believe you have not been treated equally, contact the DHS Civil Rights Office at (415) 557-6574.</p>
<p><b>HOW DO I REACH YOU?</b></p>	<p><b>IN PERSON:</b> 1235 Mission St. (at 8<sup>th</sup> St.), 94103; Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm</p> <p><b>BY PHONE:</b> (415) 558-4700</p> <p><b>ONLINE:</b> <a href="http://www.MyBenefitsCalWIN.org">www.MyBenefitsCalWIN.org</a></p> <p><b>BY MAIL:</b> Human Services Agency, PO Box 7988, San Francisco CA 94120-9939</p>

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