

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
 Disaster Nutrition Assistance Program (DNAP)

DEFINITION OF TERMS

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Accessible Liquid Resources	Includes cash on hand and all funds in checking and savings accounts. It does NOT include any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRA accounts • Disaster insurance payments received or expected to be received during the benefit period • Disaster assistance received or expected to be received during the benefit period • Payments from federal, state or local government agencies or disaster assistance organizations, including disaster-related Unemployment Insurance (UI) 	
Deductible Disaster-Related Expenses	Expenses that the household has paid or expects to pay during the disaster benefit period. If the household receives or anticipates receiving a reimbursement for these expenses during the disaster period, only the net expense is deductible.	
Disaster Application Period	The time frame for accepting applications for disaster nutrition assistance. The period is usually less than seven days. <i>(It is better to request fewer days and request an extension if necessary.)</i>	
Disaster Benefit Period	The period for which disaster benefits are issued <i>(usually one benefit month)</i> . The benefit period begins on the date of the disaster or the date of any mandatory evacuation preceding the disaster.	
Disaster Gross Income Limit	The maximum gross income limit for the DNAP equals the sum of the maximum monthly net income limit PLUS the maximum standard income deduction amount and the shelter expense deduction.	
Income	The total net (take-home) pay of the household members expected to be received during the disaster benefit period. This includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages a household actually receives after taxes and all other payroll withholding • Public assistance payments • Other unearned income • Net self employment income DO NOT COUNT payments from federal, state, or local government agencies or disaster assistance organizations, including disaster-related Unemployment Insurance (UI).	
Maximum Disaster Benefit	An allotment equal to the maximum monthly allotment established for the regular NA program for the appropriate household size.	
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	A disaster-affected household is certified under the regular NA program	the allotment equals the household’s regular monthly NA allotment PLUS a supplement amount to bring the household’s disaster benefit up to the maximum monthly NA allotment for the household size.
A disaster affected household was participating in the regular NA program prior to the start of the DNAP received a replacement allotment and was later determined eligible for the DNAP	the household will receive only a supplement amount to bring the household’s allotment up to the maximum monthly NA allotment for the appropriate household size.	
Shelter Expense Deduction	The maximum excess shelter expense deduction from the regular NA program.	
Take-Home Pay	Includes the wages a household actually receives after taxes and all other payroll withholding, public assistance payments or other unearned income, and net self-employment income.	
Prevention of Duplication of Benefits <i>(Specific to location)</i>	To prevent duplicate participation, staff will be trained to screen for individuals who may be participating in the Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations. Information will be provided about any Food Distribution Program that may be operating in the disaster area.	

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