



Pandemic Student Exemptions Are Ending

What You Need to Know

The federal Public Health Emergency ended **May 11, 2023**, which means the temporary student exemptions will end for new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applications after **June 9, 2023**, and renewal certification periods beginning on or after **July 1, 2023**.

Pandemic Student Exemptions Through June 9, 2023

Students may be determined eligible for SNAP if one of the following described their situation:

- **Eligibility for Work Study** - The student has been determined eligible but is not actively participating in a State or Federally financed work study program during the regular school year as determined by the institution of higher education.
- **\$0 EFC** - The student has an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 in the current academic year.

SNAP Student Eligibility for Initial Applications After June 9, 2023

Students may be determined eligible for SNAP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Under the age of 18, or over the age of 49
- Employed for at least 80 hours within a 30-day period
- Participating in a state or federally financed work-study program
- Participating in SNAP CAN, a tribal employment program, or the Jobs program
- Receiving Cash Assistance
- Cares for a child under 6, is a single parent caring for a child under 12, or adequate child care is not available for a child ages 5-11
- Otherwise exempt from work requirements

New Applications Submitted On or Before June 9, 2023

If you apply for SNAP on or before June 9, 2023 and are eligible based on a pandemic student exemption, you will remain eligible until your next renewal application.

Renewals Applications

If your SNAP renewal certification period begins June 1, 2023, you can continue to receive a pandemic student exemption until your next renewal. If your renewal certification period begins on or after July 1, 2023, you are no longer eligible for the pandemic student exemption.

Mid-Certification Changes

Households are not required to report changes in their student status mid-certification. However, when the household clearly reports that a student is no longer eligible for the Pandemic Student exemptions after May 11, 2023, the agency must act on the change and the student will be screened for a non-temporary student exemption.

To learn more about Nutrition Assistance benefits and to apply, visit des.az.gov/na.

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1. **mail:**

Food and Nutrition Service, USDA
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