

# CalFresh Noncitizen Eligibility

## Your eligibility may change

New federal law limits CalFresh eligibility to certain groups of noncitizens who are legally in the United States. Many noncitizens can still get CalFresh.

## You may still get CalFresh if you are a person who is:

- A citizen of the United States (U.S.);
- A U.S. National (such as persons born in American Samoa or Swains Island);
- A Cuban and Haitian Entrant (CHE);
- A Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) who has met the 5-year waiting period or is exempt from the waiting period;
- A Citizen of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau

## Starting April 1, 2026, you will no longer be eligible for CalFresh if you are a person who is:

- An Asylee;
- A Refugee;
- A Parolee (unless you are a Cuban or Haitian Entrant);
- An individual with deportation or removal withheld;
- A Conditional Entrant;
- A Survivor of Trafficking;
- A Battered Noncitizen;
- An Iraqi or Afghan with a Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) who is not an LPR;
- Afghan National granted parole between July 31, 2021 and September 30, 2023; or,
- Ukrainian National granted parole between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2024

**A county worker will check to see if you can keep getting CalFresh at your next recertification. You can keep getting and using your CalFresh until then.**

## Some people who lose CalFresh may still qualify for food assistance through the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

A county worker should tell you if you qualify for either CalFresh or CFAP when you apply for CalFresh or at your recertification. For more information, go to:

<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/calfresh/california-food-assistance-program>

**For help with CalFresh or CFAP denials or terminations,  
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