

Department of Workforce Services—Food Stamps Service

The Food Stamp services provided by the Department of Workforce Services offers food stamps to all those who qualify. Eligibility requirements are calculated by income, disabilities, and citizenship. Benefits go into effect as soon as benefits are applied for and application is turned into the Department of Work Services office. Application form can be attained either at their office or access the form from their website (<http://jobs.utah.gov/services/foodstamp/food.asp>). No forms are required to fill out an application, except for identification. A person must be a U.S. citizen, a member of a small group of certain non-citizens, or an eligible non-citizen to qualify for food stamps. Regardless of citizenship status, which is held confidential and private, non-citizen parents are able to acquire food stamps for their children who are citizens or qualify under the eligible non-citizen clause.

Food Stamps are used like cash to buy food. Household can use food stamp benefits to buy breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants which produce food for the household to eat. Households cannot use food stamp benefits to buy: Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, and any non-food items (i.e. pet foods, soap, paper products, and household supplies). Foods and products that also do not qualify are vitamins, medicines, foods that will be eaten in the store, and hot foods.

The Department of Workforce Services is fluent and capable of helping those who are English or Spanish speakers. All resources and material are printed in both languages to help serve the community.

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