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Food Stamps For Immigrants



More Immigrants Can Now Get Food Stamps

The Food Stamp Program in Missouri has gotten better. The law has changed. More immigrants can now get food stamps.

The Food Stamp Program gives people with low income help buying food.

Which Immigrants Can Get Food Stamps Under the New Rules?

Immigrants who receive disability benefits. It does not matter when they came into the United States.

All qualified legal immigrants who have been in the United States for at least five years.

Exception: Some qualified immigrants are eligible immediately, *regardless of when* they came into the United States—

1. Refugees
2. Asylees
3. Veterans
4. Some immigrants with U.S. work histories

All qualified legal immigrant children. It does not matter when they came into the United States.

Who is a “Qualified” Immigrant?

1. “Green card” holders (lawful permanent residents)
2. Conditional entrants
3. Refugees
4. Asylees
5. Parolees
6. Cuban or Haitian entrants
7. Amerasian immigrants
8. Immigrants who have been granted withholding of deportation/removal
9. Immigrants who are victims of domestic violence or immigrant trafficking

Even if *you* cannot get food stamps, *other* people living with you can still apply for food stamps. Accepting Food Stamps does *not* make you a “public charge.” If you have questions, call your local legal aid office.

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