



Disaster CalFresh Program General Eligibility Requirements

Household Eligibility Requirements

- Must not currently be receiving benefits through the regular CalFresh Program
- Must have been living or working in the disaster area at the time of the disaster
- May be eligible if temporarily living outside of the disaster area but within the disaster site at the time of the disaster
- Must have experienced at least one of the following adverse effects:
 - Damage to or destruction of the household's home or place of employment
 - Disaster-related expenses not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster period (e.g. food loss, home or business repairs, temporary shelter expenses, evacuation expenses, home/business protection, disaster-related personal injury including funeral expenses)
 - Lost or inaccessible income, including reduction or termination of income, or a delay in receipt of income

Income and Asset Requirements

The household's total income received or expected during the disaster period PLUS its accessible liquid assets MINUS a deduction for disaster-related expenses SHALL NOT EXCEED the Disaster Gross Income Limit (DGIL).

Accessible Assets

Includes:

- Cash on hand
- Funds in checking or savings accounts

Does not include:

- IRAs, Stocks/Bonds, Life Insurance, Trust Funds, Real Property
- Disaster insurance payments
- Disaster assistance received or expected during the benefit period, including payments from federal, state, or local government agencies, or disaster assistance organizations.

Income (the total net pay of ALL household members during the disaster period)

Income Includes:

- Wages a household actually receives after taxes and all other payroll withholding
- Public assistance payments, child support, or other unearned income
- Net self-employment income

Deductible Disaster-Related Expenses

Expenses the household has paid or expects to pay during the disaster period. If the household receives or anticipates receiving reimbursement for expenses during the disaster period, only the un-reimbursed amount is an allowable expense.

Disaster Benefit Period

The benefit period is a 30-day timeframe.

Disaster Gross Income Limit (DGIL)

The gross income limit groups income and resources under one test.

Disaster Benefit Allotment

Disaster allotment provides a full month's allotment and is equal to the maximum monthly allotment for the household size provided under regular CalFresh.

Verification Requirements

Acceptable identity verification may include, but is not limited to:

- Driver's license, work identification card, school identification card, identification card for health benefits, voter registration card, foreign passport, "matricula consular," and MEDS
- If documentary proof is not available, identity may be verified through collateral contact.

Residency (where possible)

- Utility bills, California driver's license or California ID card, Insurance policies or other bills showing the individual's name and California address

Household Composition (if questionable)

- Oral list of names, ages, and birthdays of all household members

Income/Assets (if questionable)

- Pay stubs, bank statements, etc.