

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-55-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

REASON FOR TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law Change
 Court Order or Settlement Agreement
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO THE DFA 285-A2, APPLICATION FOR FOOD STAMPS, PART 2 AND CHANGES TO THE TEMP 2131, ADDENDUM TO FOOD STAMP APPLICATION (7/97)

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-20-93
ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 96-51

DFA 285-A2

This letter transmits the DFA 285-A2 (7/97), Application for Food Stamps, Part 2, for the Food Stamp Program. The form has been changed to reflect the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 and PRWORA Part II regulations, although other changes have been made to effect consistency with joint application forms. See Attachment A for implementation, obtaining of camera ready copies, translations and stock. See Attachment B for a detailed outline of the changes to the form.

TEMP 2131

This letter also transmits the revised TEMP 2131, Addendum to Food Stamp Application, (7/97). The form was revised due to the PRWORA of 1996, (Part II regulations). The regulations are effective September 1, 1997, and require that applicants be asked if any household member has been convicted of a drug related felony for possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs since August 22, 1996. The applicant then self-certifies to this information. If any member has been convicted of a drug related felony then they are ineligible for food stamps.

The 7/97 version of the DFA 285-A2 contains this question, but joint application forms, JA 2 and SAWS 2, do not. Until these forms are revised, it will be necessary to obtain the information by use of the TEMP 2131 when using the joint application forms. Revisions to the SAWS 2 and the JA 2 are temporarily on hold pending consideration of changes for CalWORKS. The work requirement and food stamp fraud penalties are already on the SAWS 2A.

The TEMP 2131 is provided to counties in master copy format only. Spanish and Asian language versions of the form will be mailed to those counties that indicated the need, as soon as they are available.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Melissa Buchanan of the Food Stamp Program Bureau at (916) 654-8467 or CALNET 464-8467. For questions regarding Asian/Spanish translations, contact Shirley LuKung at (916) 654-1277 or CALNET 464-1277.



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Attachment

c: CWDA