

Citizenship Eligibility Questionnaire

PRODUCE PERKS FRUIT & VEGETABLE (TANF) PROGRAM

In order to qualify to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funded Produce Perks Fruit & Vegetable Coupons, an applicant must complete a provided TANF Self-Attestation Form. The purpose of this Citizenship Eligibility Questionnaire is to help applicants determine if they meet TANF citizenship or citizenship exception requirements.

Is The Applicant a US Citizen?

An applicant from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana islands, and the American Virgin Islands are also US Citizens.

Ask: Are you a US Citizen or from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana islands, and the American Virgin Islands? If so, you qualify for free fruits and vegetables.



If the applicant answers **yes**, then they are eligible.

*If the applicant answers **no**, say: You may still qualify as a Citizenship Exception. Let's check.*

Citizenship Exceptions

The following is a list of the exceptions to the US Citizenship requirementⁱ. If the applicant is at least one of the following, they qualify to receive these benefits. A complete list of exceptions is found in Section 5101:1-2-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which is also attached to this memo.

Is The Applicant a US National?

If the applicant is from Samoa or Swain's Island, they are a non-citizen national.

Ask: Are you a US Non-Citizen from Samoa or Swain's Island?



If the applicant answers **yes**, then they are eligible.

Is The Applicant a Qualified Foreign National?

At the time of their application or receipt of benefits, under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), the applicant is one of the following:

1. A lawful permanent resident living in the U.S. prior to 8/22/1996 and has continuously resided in the U.S. since.

Ask: *Are you a lawful permanent resident living in the U.S. since before August 22nd, 1996?*



If the applicant answers **yes, then they are eligible. If **no**:**

2. Immigrants entering the U.S. after 8/22/1996 must have resided in the US five (5) years or fewer and meet one of the following exceptions.

Ask: *Are you a lawful permanent resident working 40 hours per week?*



If the applicant answers **yes, then they are eligible. If **no**:**

Ask: *Are you a foreign national who has lived in the US for less than five years? I am going to read from a list and if one of these situations applies to you, then you are eligible:*

- been granted asylum in the US
- a refugee who was admitted under the INA
- an Afghan or Iraqi foreign national who was granted a special immigration visa
- a foreign national allowed to enter the US under the INA Section 212 for at least one year
- a foreign national whose deportation is being withheld under INA Section 243
- a foreign national who is a Cuban or Haitian entrant under 45 CFR 401 (1982)
- an Amerasian admitted to US per Section 584 of Public Law 100-202 (12/1987) as amended
- a victim of a severe form of trafficking (forced labor)



If the applicant answers **yes, then they are eligible.**

If an applicant answers **no to all of these questions, they do not qualify and you may not offer a Produce Perks TANF funded Fruit & Vegetable Coupon.**

¹See Ohio Administrative Code Section 5101:2-2-30 for specific details and qualifications.