

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY
 Disaster Nutrition Assistance Program (DNAP)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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Residency	Must have lived in the disaster area at the time of the disaster. May be eligible if it is temporarily living outside of the disaster area but within Arizona at the time of the disaster (<i>e.g. evacuated prior to the disaster</i>).
Purchase Food	Must plan to purchase food during the benefit period.
Adverse Effect	Must have experienced at least one of the following adverse effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food damaged by the disaster event or spoiled due to a power outage • Damage to or destruction of the household's home or self-employment business • Disaster-related expenses not expected to be reimbursed during the benefit period (<i>e.g. home or business repairs, temporary shelter expenses, evacuation expenses, home/business protection, and disaster-related personal injury including funeral expenses</i>) • Lost or inaccessible income, including reduction or termination of income or a delay in receipt of income for a substantial portion of the benefit period • Inaccessible liquid resources (<i>e.g., the bank is closed due to the disaster</i>) for a substantial portion of the benefit period
Income and Resource Test	Must meet the following: Total net (<i>take home</i>) income received during the disaster benefit period, plus accessible liquid resources, minus certain disaster-related expenses (<i>disaster-related expenses actually paid or anticipated to be paid out of pocket during the disaster benefit period</i>) must not exceed the disaster gross income limit. The disaster gross income limit may, with FNS approval, include within it a predetermined, standard deduction for disaster-related expenses.
Special Cases	May meet one of the following situations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An applicant who is staying in a shelter, but is not expected to remain there for the entire benefit period is potentially eligible for DNAP benefits. • An applicant for the DNAP who has an application pending for the regular NA program is not an on-going recipient for purposes of determining eligibility or the amount of disaster benefits. • Ongoing participants who are residents of institutions and otherwise meet the eligibility criteria can receive DNAP benefits. • A household who received Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits prior to the date of implementation of the DNAP should not have these benefits considered in determining eligibility for the DNAP. • A household who received FDPIR benefits after the disaster occurred is not entitled to receive DNAP in the same month. A household who received The Emergency Food Assistance Program (<i>TEFAP</i>) benefits must have those benefits considered when determining DNAP eligibility. (<i>TEFAP is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income needy persons, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance.</i>) It is important to distinguish between regular TEFAP distributions and the distribution of commodities to households in a disaster. Under regular TEFAP distributions, households may participate in both TEFAP and the DNAP or regular Nutrition Assistance program in the same month. However, under a household disaster commodity distribution, households cannot receive both DNAP and disaster commodities.

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