

**Things you must provide, if they apply to you, to receive SNAP benefits**

1. **Proof of Identity:** Driver's license, birth certificate or other proof of your identity.
2. **Proof of Massachusetts Residence:** Current rent receipt, lease, mortgage statement, tax document, homeowner's insurance or utility bills. If you are homeless, a motor vehicle registration, statement from a shelter, from the person you are staying with temporarily, or a verbal or written confirmation from someone we can contact who knows your situation.
3. **Earned Income:** Pay stubs or written statement from employer on letterhead showing income before taxes for the past four weeks.
4. **Other Income:** Most recent copy of Social Security check or copy of award letter, proof of unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, pension, child support or alimony.
5. **Self-Employment:** Most recent federal tax return (Schedule C Form) or last three months of business records.
6. **Rental Income:** If you get paid by someone who rents a room or apartment from you, a copy of the lease agreement or statement from your tenant showing the amount of rent paid.
7. **Noncitizen Status:** For all non-US citizens applying for SNAP benefits, alien registration card or other immigration document.
8. **Child Support Payments:** If you make child support payments to someone not living with you, show proof of the legal obligation to make the payment, such as a court order, tax returns showing legally obligated support payments, verification of withholding from unemployment compensation, and the amount paid.

Things you may provide, if they apply to you, to receive higher SNAP benefits. *SNAP rules allow you to deduct certain expenses from your countable income.*

1. **Housing Costs:** rent receipt or mortgage statement, real estate taxes or homeowners' insurance bill.
2. **Utilities:** home heating oil, gas, electricity, telephone (including cell phones), or other utility expenses such as garbage disposal, wood or coal
3. **Child Care or Adult Dependent Care Expenses** in-home or out-of-home care
4. **Medical Expenses:** If you or anyone in your household is age 60 or older or has a certified disability, *out-of-pocket medical expenses must be verified* with receipts for co-payments or premiums on health insurance, or receipts for dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids, hearing aid batteries, prescription medications, doctor-prescribed pain relievers or over-the-counter drugs, and transportation to get to and from medical services.

**Note:** Certain households, such as those with disqualified members, will be asked to provide information and verification of bank accounts and other assets.

After your interview, you will get a list of things you will need to show us. **Pay stubs, utility bills, and other proof must not be more than four weeks old from the day that you turn in your application.**