

IMPORTANT!

CalFresh Temporary Student Exemptions are Ending!

What is the change?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, California was able to extend CalFresh eligibility to students eligible for work study and students with an Expected Family Contribution of zero dollars for financial aid.

The Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration is ending May 11, 2023. The two temporary student exemptions will no longer apply to college students applying for CalFresh.

Why the change?

The temporary student exemptions are ending because the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration is ending. California was only allowed to provide these temporary student exemptions to students while the Federal Public Health Emergency declarations was in place.

What happens next?

Students who currently get CalFresh: Beginning July 2023, students must meet a permanent exemption. Students already approved for CalFresh under one of the temporary student exemptions do not need to do anything to keep their benefits until their next recertification. At their next recertification, students will need to meet the criteria for one of the permanent student exemptions. If a student meets a permanent exemption, they may still be eligible for CalFresh.

Students newly applying for CalFresh: Beginning June 10, 2023, students newly applying for CalFresh will have to meet one of the permanent student exemptions to be eligible for CalFresh.

Permanent Student Exemptions

- Approved for work study and anticipate working
- Not half-time or more due to taking non-credit courses
- TANF-funded Cal Grant A or B
- Working 20 hours/week or a total of 80 hours/month
- Disabled or physically or mentally unable to work
- Does not expect to be enrolled next term
- Responsible for the care of a dependent under age 6
- Responsible for the care of a dependent under 12 without adequate childcare
- Single parent responsible for the care of a dependent under 12

For a more robust list, please use the QR code to review the CalFresh Student Exemption Screening Form!

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