

New Hampshire’s Food Stamps (SNAP) Policy		
WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR FOOD STAMPS?		
Flexibility	Current policy	Potential improvement
<p><b>Gross income limit</b></p> <p>How much can a family of three earn and remain eligible?</p>	<p>\$4,303*/month for families eligible through the Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility (BBCE) framework, or 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a family of three in 2024.</p>	N/A
<p><b>Asset Limit</b></p> <p>How many assets can families retain in savings while still being eligible for food stamps?</p>	<p>There is no limit on savings for BBCE-eligible families.</p> <p>(New Hampshire refers to BBCE-eligible households as “Expanded Categorically Eligible.”)</p>	N/A
<p><b>Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA)</b></p> <p>Does New Hampshire provide families who are losing TANF cash assistance with automatic SNAP eligibility for a few months?</p>	Yes.	N/A
<p>* Current administrative guidelines may present different income amounts depending on when updates to the current federal poverty guidelines are implemented.</p>		
ADDITIONAL RULES AND RESTRICTIONS		
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<p><b>Treatment of child support payments to non-household members</b></p> <p>Does New Hampshire treat child support payments made to non-household members as an</p>	No.	<p><b>Enable more families to qualify for SNAP by treating child support payments as income exclusions in the eligibility</b></p>

income exclusion rather than a deduction?		<b>process (e.g., New York, Virginia, Washington).</b>
<b>Lifting drug felony bans</b> Are persons convicted of drug-related felonies eligible for nutritional assistance?	Yes.	N/A
<b>Extending eligibility to some federally ineligible noncitizens using state assistance programs</b> Has New Hampshire extended SNAP eligibility to immigrants who are ineligible for SNAP under federal guidelines?	No.	<b>Provide nutritional assistance to newly-arrived families in which parents are awaiting work authorization (e.g., Illinois, Maine, Minnesota).</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Flexibility</b>	<b>Current policy</b>	<b>Potential improvement</b>
<b>Less frequent recertification periods</b> Has New Hampshire extended the recertification period to 12 months for all recipients?	No. Only households with “very stable income” and other special circumstances are allowed 12 months before recertification.	<b>Extend recertification periods to 12 months for all families to reduce administration costs and lower burdens for working parents, as many other states have done (e.g., Massachusetts, Maine).</b>
<b>Simplified income reporting</b> Does New Hampshire require parents to report income only when it rises above the eligibility limit?	No. Again, only some households have simplified income reporting requirements.	<b>Enable simplified income reporting for all eligible families, to streamline administrative processes and facilitate receipt (e.g., Massachusetts, Maine).</b>

<p><b>Online services for all application processes</b></p> <p>Does New Hampshire offer online services for its initial benefit application, reporting of changes, and renewal?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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