

Over the next several months, your store will be reviewed for eligibility to continue to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. This letter is a reminder about requirements needed to accept SNAP EBT.

As a part of this review, **an inspector may visit your store**. You are responsible for ensuring that your store can meet the requirements to participate in SNAP.

To stay in SNAP your store must meet Criterion A or Criterion B.

What is Criterion A?

- You always need at least 3 staple food items for 3 staple food varieties in each of the 4 staple food categories.
- You always need perishable staple food varieties in at least 2 staple food categories.
- This means you always need 36 staple food items, including 6 perishable staple food items.
- For example, a store with the following food on its shelves would meet Criterion A. Note that this is an example and not the only combination of items that would meet requirements:

Vegetables or Fruits	Meat, Poultry, or Fish	Dairy Products	Breads or Cereals
3 cans of tomatoes	3 cans of tuna fish	3 containers of milk*	3 boxes of cereal
3 boxes of raisins	3 cartons of eggs*	3 packages of cheese*	3 bags of rice
3 cans of peaches	3 cans of chicken	3 containers of yogurt*	3 boxes of oatmeal

(*indicates perishable staple foods)

What is Criterion B?

- More than 50 percent of your sales must come from the sale of staple foods.
- Stores that meet Criterion B are usually specialty stores, like butcher shops that sell primarily meat and poultry.
- For example, a store with the following sales would meet Criterion B:

Staple Food Sales	Nonfood Sales	Accessory Food Sales	Total Sales
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	= \$100,000
60%	20%	20%	= 100%

Staple foods ARE:

- The basic foods that make up most of a person's diet. They are usually prepared at home and eaten as a meal. These are the 4 categories of staple foods:
 1. Vegetables or Fruits (like potatoes, apples, and spinach);
 2. Meat, Poultry, or Fish (like beef, salmon, and pork);
 3. Dairy Products (like milk, yogurt, and cheese); and,
 4. Breads or Cereals (like bread, flour, and rice).

Staple food ARE NOT:

- Desserts and other accessory foods (like mayo, chips, and soda);
- Nonfood products (like gasoline, alcohol, and tobacco).

Questions? Please call 1-877-823-4369 or email RPMDHQ-Web@usda.gov

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