

**WAC 388-424-0030 How does my immigration status impact my eligibility for state-funded benefits under the food assistance program?**

(1) If you are not a U.S. citizen and are not eligible for federally funded basic food benefits, you may be eligible for state-funded benefits under the food assistance program (FAP) if you are:

(a) A "qualified alien" as defined in WAC 388-424-0001, who does not meet the eligibility requirements under WAC 388-424-0020 to receive federally funded basic food benefits;

(b) A "nonqualified alien" as described in WAC 388-424-0001 who:

(i) Is not a nonimmigrant as described in WAC 388-424-0001 (3) (d);

(ii) Intends to stay in the United States indefinitely; and

(iii) The United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement is not taking steps to enforce your departure; or

(c) A "survivor of certain crimes" as defined in WAC 388-424-0001(4).

(2) If you are eligible for state-funded FAP, we calculate your benefits as described under WAC 388-400-0050.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.820, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 74.09.035. WSR 22-02-014, § 388-424-0030, filed 12/27/21, effective 2/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120. WSR 20-09-044, § 388-424-0030, filed 4/8/20, effective 5/9/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120. WSR 12-18-024, § 388-424-0030, filed 8/27/12, effective 9/27/12.]