



Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program

Answer Key for Module 3 Worksheet: DC or Not DC

This activity is part of module 3 of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) training program, *Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program*.

Instructions: For each example of a child's potential eligibility for meal benefits, decide if the application is direct certification (DC) or not direct certification (not DC).

Example 1: The determining official finds a child's name on the direct certification list. The child is coded as FS and is receiving SNAP benefits. Are all children in the household DC or not DC?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Not DC The free benefits extend to all children in the household.
Example 2: A child is living in the household of another child who is on the direct certification list as OT. Is the child who is not on the direct certification list directly certified as OT or not directly certified as OT?	<input type="checkbox"/> DC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not DC The free benefits do not extend to all children in the household.
Example 3: The determining official obtains a list of homeless students that is dated and signed by the district's homeless liaison.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Not DC The answer is DC for the children on the list. However, the free benefits do not extend to other children in the household.
Example 4: An application submitted by the household lists a SNAP or TFA case number.	<input type="checkbox"/> DC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not DC Direct certification reflects documentation obtained directly from the appropriate state or local agency or other authorized individuals. It should not involve the household.
Example 5: A child is enrolled in a federally funded Head Start Program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Not DC However, the free benefits do not extend to other children in the household.



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<p>Example 6: An application submitted by a household lists a HUSKY Medical Number.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> DC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not DC</p> <p>The only way a child is directly certified by Medicaid is through the CSDE’s Direct Certification Web Application. This child would need to be on the DC list, either as free Medicaid or reduced Medicaid.</p>
<p>Example 7: A guardian submits an application for a foster child in their care.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> DC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not DC</p> <p>However, the child is still eligible for free meals and may be subject to the formal verification process, if selected. Free benefits do not extend to all children in the household.</p>
<p>Example 8: The determining official finds a child’s name on the direct certification list as receiving RM, which is reduced Medicaid.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Not DC</p> <p>The answer is DC for reduced-price meals, which extends to all children in the household. Remember that when a child is directly certified as reduced Medicaid, the determining official must give the household the opportunity to apply for meals to see if they qualify as free.</p>
<p>Example 9: The determining official obtains a current school year DCF 603 form from the school administrator indicating that a child is a foster child. Is this DC or not DC?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DC <input type="checkbox"/> Not DC</p> <p>However, free eligibility does not extend to all children in the household.</p>



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The CSDE's **Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program** training program consists of seven recorded modules that provide guidance on complying with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations for determining a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals or free milk in the **school nutrition programs** and free meals in the **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**. This training program is intended for the staff responsible for approving applications, conducting direct certification, and ensuring the accuracy of eligibility determinations through the verification process.

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