

# Are You Ready for Your SNAP Interview?

When applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, in most cases an interview must be completed with a benefit program specialist (BPS). This interview is a snapshot of your household situation to determine eligibility for SNAP benefits. We need your help to clarify the information on your SNAP application. Think of the interview as a private talk with the BPS about your household situation. The goal of the interview is to clearly record your situation, so your SNAP application can be completed without delay.



## Where will the interview take place?

The interview may occur by phone or in person with your local department of social services staff. The local agency will schedule an appointment and provide you with a letter with appointment details, such as date and time.

## What do I need for the SNAP interview?

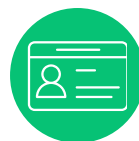
You can gather these documents you will need to answer the questions easily and correctly:

- ✔ Social Security card if you do not have your number memorized.
- ✔ Paystubs, benefit award letters (like those from Social Security or Veterans Administration), pension statements, self-employment records, child support payment records, etc.
- ✔ Lease, mortgage statement or rent receipt.
- ✔ Bank information for checking, savings and credit union accounts.
- ✔ Utility bills for gas, electric or water.
- ✔ Proof of identity. That may include:
  - » Birth certificate. » Driver's license.
  - » Social Security card. » Passport. » Work visa.
  - » Resident alien card. » Paystub.



## What questions will I be asked?

You can expect to answer questions on your SNAP application, such as:



What is your full name and birthday?

What is your Social Security number?



Where do you live? (You may qualify if you're unhoused or living with family/friends.)



Are you a U.S. citizen? (Non-citizens may still qualify.)



What is your monthly income?

Do you have any type of bank account?



How do you heat or cool your home, and do you pay bills for either?



Do you pay rent or mortgage or utilities such as electric, gas, water or telephone?



Do you pay a daycare expense?

Do you pay medical expenses?

