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# Introduction

This document provides general guidelines governing screening for **38** City, State, and Federal public benefits and programs. They are interpreted and implemented as logic in the rules engine that governs ACCESS NYC's screening tool and for the NYC Benefits Screening API and returns results of potentially eligible programs at the household level.

It's important to understand the following:

- The results from these guidelines do not represent an eligibility determination and do not guarantee eligibility in any program.
- To enroll in a benefit or program, a resident will need to submit an application through the administering governmental agency, which will determine eligibility.
- The results from these guidelines do not prohibit anyone from applying for any benefits or programs.
- These guidelines are subject to change at the discretion of the administering governmental agency. The Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity makes reasonable efforts to produce updates on a quarterly basis, but such updates are not guaranteed.

## Updates in 1.12.0

**June 2021: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- Income guidelines updated for:
  - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
  - Cooling Assistance Benefit
  - Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)
  - Head Start
  - Medicaid for Pregnant Women
  - Section 8
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

## Updates in 1.11.0

**February 2021: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- Income guidelines updated for:
  - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- Senior Employment Services (SES)
- NYC Free Tax Prep
- Fair Fares

## Updates in 1.10.0

**November 2020: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- Income guidelines updated for:
  - Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

## Updates in 1.9.0

**October 2020: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- New Programs added:
  - Train & Earn
  - Home Care Services Program
  - Medicaid for Pregnant Women
  - NYC Free Tax Prep
- Income guidelines updated for:
  - School Tax Relief (STAR)
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

## Updates in 1.8.0

**June 2020: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- New Program added: Public Housing
- Income guidelines updated for:
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
  - Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)
  - Cooling Assistance Benefit

## Updates in 1.7.0

**February 2020: The following changes are applied to the Screening API:**

- New Program added: Fair Fares NYC
- Logic updated for:
  - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
  - Senior Employment Services (SES)

## Updates in 1.6.0

**November 2019: Income guidelines are updated for the following programs:**

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- School Tax Relief Program (STAR)

## Updates in 1.5.0

**August 2019: These and past changes are reflected in the Change Log in the appendix.**

- New Program added: Cooling Assistance Benefit
- Income guidelines updated for:
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
  - Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)
- Logic updated for:
  - Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC)
  - Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

## Updates in 1.4.0

**March 2019: Income guidelines are updated for the following programs. These and past changes are reflected in the Change Log in the appendix.**

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- School Tax Relief (STAR)
- Senior Employment Services (SES)
- Section 8 Housing

# Rules Owners

Agencies contributing to these rules and guideline

	Agency	# of programs	Program names
1	Human Resources Administration (HRA)	9	SNAP
			CA
			HEAP
			Health Insurance
			IDNYC
			Cooling Assistance Benefit
			Fair Fares
			Medicaid for Pregnant
			Home Care Services
2	Department of Finance (DOF)	6	SCRIE
			DRIE
			DHE
			SCHE
			Veterans' Property Tax Exemption
			STAR
3	Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA )	4	NYC Free Tax Prep
EITC			
4	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)		Child Tax Credit
	Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit		
5	Department of Education (DOE)	5	Summer Meals
			SchooFood
			Pre-K for All
			EarlyLearn Child Care
			EarlyLearn Head Start
6	Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	4	COMPASS
			Learn & Earn(ISY)
			SYEP
			Train & Earn
7	NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA)	3	Section 8
			NYCHA Resident Economic Empowerment and



			Sustainability (REES)
			Public Housing
8	NYS Department of Health (NYS DOH)	3	WIC
			Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)
			Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
9	NYS Department of Labor (DOL)	1	NYS Unemployment Insurance
10	Department for the Aging (DFTA)	1	Senior Employment Services
11	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)	1	Nurse-Family Partnership
12	Department of Small Business Services (SBS)	1	Workforce1
<b>Total</b>		<b>38</b>	

## Income Sources

The following income sources are used on this screening document depending upon the program specific rules:

Income Source
Wages, Salary, Tips
Self-employment Income
Investment Income (interest, dividends, and profit from selling stocks)
Withdrawals from Deferred Compensation (IRA, Keogh, etc.);
Unemployment
Workers' Compensation
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Social Security Disability Benefits

Social Security Dependent Benefits
Social Security Survivor's Benefits
Social Security Retirement Benefits
Rental Income
Child Support (Received)
Alimony (Received)
Government or Private Pension
Boarder, Lodger
Cash Assistance Grant
Veterans Pension, Benefits
NYS Disability Benefits
Disability Related Medicaid
Gifts/Contributions (Received)

## Resource Types

The following resource types may be included, depending upon the program specific rules:

Resource Types
Cash on Hand
Checking or Savings Accounts
Stocks or Bonds or Mutual Funds

## Expense Types

The following expense types may be included, depending upon the program specific rules:

Expense Type
Rent
Mortgage
Child Care
Child Support (Paid)
Dependent Care
Medical
Heating
Cooling
Third Party Health Insurance Premium
Utilities

## S2\_R001 - Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (DCA/IRS)

These rules should be run for each household member individually.

**1. Are there children under the age of 13 in the household and does the household member have an expense type of Child Care or Dependent Care?**

- If No to either question, go to #2

- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. **DONE**

**2. All other household members**

We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit. **DONE**

## S2\_R002 - Child Care (HRA)

Since 2009, there is no need to have separate screening rules on ANYC for Child Care HRA and ACS.

## S2\_R003 - EarlyLearn NYC Child Care (DOE)

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member’s age less than 5?**

**AND does the head of household have a relationship of parent or step-parent to the child?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, determine the number of household members and count all income for:

- the child head of household
- the spouse of the head of household (if there is one)
- any other household members that are aged less than 18

Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<=\$1012	✓
2	<=\$2743	✓
3	<=\$3463	✓
4	<=\$4183	✓
5	<=\$4903	✓
6	<=\$5623	✓
7	<=\$6343	✓
8	<=\$7063	✓

**Source:** Child Care Fee Schedule – Annually.(Effective July 2018)

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Child Care. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

**3. Is the household member blind or disabled and aged between 5 and 18?  
AND does the head of household have a relationship of parent or step-parent to the child?**

- If No, go to #4

- If Yes, determine the number of household members and count all income for:

- the child
- head of household
- the spouse of the head of household (if there is one)
- any other household members that are aged less than 18

Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
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**Source:** Child Care Fee Schedule – Annually. (Effective July 2018).

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Child Care. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

**4. Is the household member’s age less than 5?**

**AND does the head of household have a relationship OTHER than parent or step-parent to the child?**

- If No, go to #5

- If Yes, sum the child’s income, treat the household size as one. Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<=\$1012	✓

**Source:** Child Care Fee Schedule – Annually. (Effective July 2018)

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Child Care. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

**5. Is the household member blind or disabled and aged between 5 and 18?**

**AND does the head of household have a relationship OTHER of parent or step-parent to the child?**

- If No, go to #6

- If Yes, sum the child’s income, treat the household size as one. Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<=\$1012	✓

**Source:** Child Care Fee Schedule – Annually. (Effective July 2018)

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Child Care. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

**6. All other household members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Child Care. **DONE**

**S2 R004 - Child Tax Credit (DCA / IRS)**

**1. Are any household members under the age of 17 in the household?**

- If No, go to #2

- If Yes, the household “May Be Eligible” for Child Tax Credit. The message that displays on the results screen should read “Household Members with a Dependent Child”. **DONE**

## 2. All other households

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Child Tax Credit. **DONE**

### S2\_R005 - Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) - (DOF)

#### 1. Does the household live in New York City?

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for DRIE. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

#### 2. Is the primary applicant aged 18 or older?

**AND does the household rent their primary residence?**

**AND is the primary applicant named on the lease or the rent order or have been granted succession rights to the apartment?**

**AND does the household live in an apartment regulated by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR):**

**Rent Stabilized; Rent Controlled; HDFC Cooperative Shareholder apartment; Mitchell-Lama Apartment; Section 213 Cooperative**

**AND does the primary applicant have an income type of:**

**Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Federal Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI); U.S Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Pension or Compensation (Must be military service-related disability pension or compensation); Disability Related Medicaid (if the applicant has received either SSI or SSDI in the past).**

- If No to any question, go to #3

- If Yes, sum all income sources for all household members. Check gross annual income is less than or equal to \$50,000.

Annual Household Income	Eligible
<= \$50,000	√



- If the household's gross annual income is less than or equal to \$50,000, the household "May Be Eligible" for DRIE. **DONE**

- If the household's gross annual income is greater than \$50,000 we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for DRIE. **DONE**

**3. All other households**

We are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for DRIE. **DONE**

**S2 R006 - Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) - (DCA / IRS)**

**1. Determine if the household member is one of the following: Head of Household, Head of Household's Spouse, or not Head of Household or Head of Household's Spouse**

**2. Is the Head of Household married?**

**AND is the member the Head of Household or the Head of Household's spouse**

**AND does the Head of Household or their spouse have an income type of:**

**Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income**

**AND (is there a child under the age of 19 in the household**

**OR is there a student under the age of 24 in the household**

**OR is there a blind or disabled household member (not the Head of Household or the Spouse))?**

- If No to any question, go to #3

- If Yes, count the number of children and students that meet the age criteria above. Sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) for the head of household and the spouse. Sum the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the head of household and the spouse. Check annual earned income and investment income levels by the number of children in the household.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
1	<= \$47,646	<= \$3,650	√
More than 1	<= \$53,330	<= \$3,650	√

Updated: February 2021

- If the Head of Household's and spouse's annual earned and investment income is less than or equal to the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, the Head of Household and the spouse "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the Head of Household's and spouse's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, we are "Unable to Determine" if the Head of Household's and the spouse's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

**3. Is the Head of Household married?**

**AND is the member the Head of Household or the Head of Household's spouse**

**AND is the Head of Household or their spouse at least age 25 and less than 65**

**AND does the Head of Household or their spouse have an income type of:**

**Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income?**

- If No to any question, go to #4

- If Yes, sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) and the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the head of household and the spouse. Check annual earned income is less than or equal to \$21,710 and that the annual investment income is less than or equal to \$3,650.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
0	<= \$21,710	<= \$3,650	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the Head of Household's and spouse's annual earned and investment income is less than or equal to the income levels, the Head of Household and the spouse "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the Head of Household's and spouse's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels, we are "Unable to Determine" if the Head of Household's and the spouse's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

**4. Is the member the Head of Household**

**AND is the Head of Household unmarried**

**AND does the Head of Household have an income type of:**

**Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income**

**AND (is there a child under the age of 19 in the household**

**OR is there a student under the age of 24 in the household**

**OR is there a blind or disabled household member (not the Head of Household))?**

- If No to any question, go to #5

- If Yes, count the number of children and students that meet the age criteria above. Sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) for the head of household. Sum the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the head of household. Check annual earned income and investment income levels by the number of children in the household.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
1	<= \$41,756	<= \$3,650	✓
More than 1	<= \$47,440	<= \$3,650	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the Head of Household's annual earned and investment income is less than or equal to the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, the Head of Household "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the Head of Household's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, we are "Unable to Determine" if the Head of Household's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

**5. Is the member the Head of Household AND is the Head of Household unmarried AND is the Head of Household at least age 25 and less than 65 AND does the Head of Household have an income type of:  
Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income?**

- If No to any question, go to #6

- If Yes, sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) and the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the head of household. Check annual earned income and investment income levels.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
0	<= \$15,820	<= \$3,650	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the Head of Household's annual earned and investment incomes are less than or equal to the income levels, the Head of Household "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the Head of Household's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels, we are "Unable to Determine" if the Head of Household's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

- 6. Is the household member someone other than the Head of Household and the Head of Household's spouse**  
**AND is the household member at least age 25 and less than 65**  
**AND does the household member have an income type of:**  
**Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income**  
**AND (is there a child under the age of 19 in the household**  
**OR is there a student under the age of 24 in the household**  
**OR is there a blind or disabled household member (not the Head of Household, the Spouse or the Household Member))?**

- If No to any question, go to #7

- If Yes, count the number of children and students that meet the age criteria above. Sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) for the household member. Sum the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the household member. Check annual earned income and investment income levels by the number of children in the household.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
1	<= \$47,646	<= \$3,650	✓
More than 1	<= \$53,330	<= \$3,650	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the household member's annual earned and investment income is less than or equal to the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, the household member "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the household member's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels for the number of children/students in the household, we are "Unable to Determine" if the household member's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

- 7. Is the household member someone other than the Head of Household and the Head of Household's spouse**  
**AND is the household member at least age 25 and less than 65**  
**AND does the household member have an income type of: Wages, Salary, Tips or Self-Employment Income?**

- If No to any question, go to #8

- If Yes, sum the earned income sources (Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-Employment) and the investment income sources (Investment Income and Rental Income) for the household member.

Check annual earned income is less than or equal to \$21,710 and that the annual investment income is less than or equal to \$3,650.

# of Children in Household	Annual Earned Income	Annual Investment Income	Eligible
0	<= \$ 21,710	<= \$3,650	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the household member's annual earned and investment incomes are less than or equal to the income levels, the household member "May Be Eligible" for EITC. **DONE**

- If the household member's annual earned or investment income is greater than the income levels, we are "Unable to Determine" if the household member's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

#### 8. All other households members

We are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for EITC. **DONE**

### S2 R007 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP) (Food Stamps) - (HRA)

#### 1. Does the household live in New York City?

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SNAP benefits. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

#### 2. Do all household members have an income source of Supplemental Security Income OR Cash Assistance Grant?

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, the household "May Be Eligible" for SNAP benefits. No income test is required. **DONE**

#### 3. Is there a disabled or blind household member? (all household members are not disabled or blind) OR Is there a household member aged 60 or older?

- If No to all three questions, go to #4

- If Yes to any of the three questions, check gross monthly income minus Child Support (Paid) expense by household size.

<p align="center"><b>Household Member Aged 60 or Over</b></p> <p align="center"><b>AND/OR</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Household Member with Disability/Blind</b></p>
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200% of poverty level		
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income (200%)	Eligible
1	<= \$ 2,126	✓
2	<= \$ 2,873	✓
3	<= \$ 3,620	✓
4	<= \$ 4,366	✓
5	<= \$ 5,113	✓
6	<= \$ 5,860	✓
7	<= \$ 6,606	✓
8	<= \$ 7,353	✓
Each Additional Person	\$746	✓

Source Updated: OTDA-4357-EL (Rev.02/20) - The new Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds table **October 2020**

- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expenses are less than or equal to the levels for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for SNAP benefits. **DONE**

- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expenses are greater than the levels for the household size, use the following Monthly SNAP Budget Calculation to determine net income for the h

**NOTE:** The screener (implemented in DROOLS and the Screening API) uses gross income (total before deductions) and subtracts any child support paid to calculate income for the purposes of SNAP screening household and **compare the net income to the table below.**

### **Monthly SNAP Budget Calculation for SSI/Aged/Disabled**

#### **A. Earned Income**

Income 1

**Monthly Gross Earned Income** (Income Sources: Wages, Salary, Tips+ Self-Employment Income)

+ **Net Monthly Income From Boarder/Lodger** (Income Sources: Boarder/lodger)

Income 2

+ **Unearned Income** (All Income Sources, Except Wages, Salary, Tip;

- **Monthly Child Support** (paid)

**Total Income**

#### **B. Deductions**

**Total Earned Income from income 1 x 20%**

+ **Standard Deduction- Monthly**

1-3 person household **\$167**

4 person household **\$181**

5 person household **\$212**

6+ person household **\$234**

+ **Monthly Child/Dependent Care Costs**

The sum of the reported child Care and Dependent Care Expense

+ **Monthly Medical Expenses MINUS \$35 (if less than zero, default to 0.)**

**Total Deductions**

#### **C. Adjusted Income**

= Total Income-Total Deductions

#### **D. Shelter Costs**

**Monthly Actual Rent or Mortgage Billed to Household (Expense Type: Rent/Mortgage)**

+ **Other Monthly Expenses (always default to 0)**

+ **\$ 801 Monthly Utility Allowance**

**Total Shelter Costs**

#### **E. Excess Shelter Deductions**

**Total Shelter Costs**

- **Adjusted Income DIVIDED BY 2**

**Excess Shelter Costs (If less than zero, default to 0.)**

#### **F. Monthly Food Stamp Net Income**

**Adjusted Income**

- **Excess Shelter Cost**

**Monthly Net Food Stamp Income**

\*\*\*Compare to Net Monthly Income Limits\*\*\*

**(SNAP Budget Calculation – step #3)**

**Source Updated:** Policy Directive #18-15-ELI-October 2018 changes in SNAP Standards

Household Member Aged 60 or Over AND/OR Household Member with Disability			
# of People in Household	Monthly Net Food Stamp Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<= \$ 1,064	<=\$3,500	✓
2	<= \$ 1,437	<=\$3,500	✓
3	<= \$ 1,810	<=\$3,500	✓
4	<= \$ 2,184	<=\$3,500	✓
5	<= \$ 2,557	<=\$3,500	✓
6	<= \$ 2,930	<=\$3,500	✓
7	<= \$ 3,304	<=\$3,500	✓
8	<= \$ 3,677	<=\$3,500	✓
Each Additional Person	\$374	<=\$3,500	✓

Source Updated: OTDA-4357-EL (Rev.02/20) - The new Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) thresholds table  
October 2020 - changes in SNAP Standards (100% of FPL table)

- If the household's monthly net SNAP income and resources are less than or equal to the levels for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Food Stamps. **DONE**

- If the household's monthly net SNAP income or resources are greater than the levels for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SNAP. **DONE**

#### 4. Does the household incur dependent care costs?

- If No go to #5

- If Yes, check gross monthly income minus Child Support (Paid) expense by household size.



Household Member Incurs Dependent Care Costs		
200% of poverty level		
# of people in the Household	Monthly Household Income (200%)	Eligible
1	<= \$ 2,126	√
2	<= \$ 2,873	√
3	<= \$ 3,620	√
4	<= \$ 4,366	√
5	<= \$ 5,113	√
6	<= \$ 5,860	√
7	<= \$ 6,606	√
8	<= \$ 7,353	√
Each Additional Person	\$746	√

**Source Updated:** OTDA-4357-EL (Rev.02/20) - **The Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)**  
**October 2020** - changes in SNAP Standards

- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expenses are less than or equal to the levels for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for SNAP benefits. **DONE**

- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expense are greater than the levels for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SNAP benefits. **DONE**

#### **5. All other Households (no disabled, no blind, no elderly)**

Check gross monthly income minus Child Support (Paid) expense by household size.

<b>NO Household Members Aged 60 or Over OR with a Disability ( 150% table)</b>		
<b># of People in Household</b>	<b>Monthly Household Income</b>	<b>Eligible</b>
1	<= \$ 1,595	√
2	<= \$ 2,155	√
3	<= \$ 2,715	√
4	<= \$ 3,275	√
5	<= \$ 3,835	√
6	<= \$ 4,395	√
7	<= \$ 4,955	√
8	<= \$ 5,515	√
Each Additional Person	\$560	√

**Source Updated:** OTDA-4357-EL (Rev.02/20) - **The Federal Poverty Limit (FPL)**  
**October 2020** - changes in SNAP Standards

- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expenses are less than or equal to the levels for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for SNAP benefits. **DONE**
- If the household's gross monthly income minus the Child Support (Paid) expense are greater than the levels for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SNAP benefits. **DONE**

**While these rules should be run for each household member individually, the overall household size and gross income will be used.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Head Start. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member’s age between 2 and 5 years ?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$1,073	✓
2	<= \$1,452	✓
3	<= \$1,830	✓
4	<= \$2,208	✓
5	<= \$2,587	✓
6	<= \$2,965	✓
7	<= \$3,343	✓
8	<= \$3,722	✓
Each Additional Person	\$378	✓

**Source:** Head Start Family Income Guidelines for 2021

- If the household’s gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Head Start. **DONE**

- If the household’s gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Head Start. **DONE**

**3. All other household members**

We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Head Start. **DONE**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for the Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC). **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member a student aged between 5 and 21 years old?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, the household “May Be Eligible” for the Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC). **DONE**

**3. All other households members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for the Comprehensive After School System of NYC (COMPASS NYC). **DONE**

## S2 R010 - Cash Assistance (HRA)

### 1. Does the household live in New York City?

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

### 2. Are you or anyone in your household aged 60 or older? AND Are you or anyone else in your household pregnant? AND (Are there children under 18 in the household? OR Are there children aged 18 in the household that are full-time students? )

- If No to either question, go to #3

- If Yes to all three questions, check gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas, Pregnancy). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy **	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$ 277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$580.10	\$1,073.19
2	\$252.00	\$ 283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$694.50	\$1,284.83
3	\$336.00	\$ 400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$909.00	\$1,681.65
4	\$433.00	\$ 450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,074.70	\$1,988.20
5	\$534.00	\$ 501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.70	\$2,306.40
6	\$617.00	\$ 524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.20	\$2,534.87
7	\$702.00	\$ 546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.70	\$2,767.05
8	\$787.00	\$ 546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,598.20	\$2,956.67
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

(Last reviewed by agency: Sept. 2018 )

Maximum needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$1,073.19	<= \$3,000	√
2	<=\$1,284.83	<= \$3,000	√
3	<=\$1,681.65	<= \$3,000	√
4	<=\$1,988.20	<= \$3,000	√
5	<=\$2,306.40	<= \$3,000	√
6	<=\$2,534.87	<= \$3,000	√
7	<=\$2,767.05	<= \$3,000	√
8	<=\$2,956.67	<= \$3,000	√
Each Additional Person	<=\$180.38	<= \$3,000	√

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**3. Are you or anyone in your household aged 60 or older? AND (Are there children under 18 in the household? OR Are there children aged 18 in the household that are full-time students? )**

- If No to either question, go to #4

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530.10	\$980.69
2	\$252.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$644.50	\$1,192.33
3	\$336.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$859.00	\$1,589.15
4	\$433.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,024.70	\$1,859.70
5	\$534.00	\$501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,196.70	\$2,213.90
6	\$617.00	\$524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.20	\$2,442.37
7	\$702.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,445.70	\$2,674.55
8	\$787.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,548.20	\$2,864.17
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If Yes to both questions, check gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$980.69	<= \$3,000	√
2	<=\$1,192.33	<= \$3,000	√
3	<=\$1,589.15	<= \$3,000	√
4	<=\$1,859.70	<= \$3,000	√
5	<=\$2,213.90	<= \$3,000	√
6	<=\$2,442.37	<= \$3,000	√
7	<=\$2,674.55	<= \$3,000	√
8	<=\$2,864.17	<= \$3,000	√
Each Additional Person	<=\$180.38	<= \$3,000	√

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Public Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**4. Are you or anyone in your household aged 60 or older? AND Are you or anyone else in your household pregnant?**

- If No, go to #5



- If Yes, check the gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas, Pregnancy). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children **	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy **	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$580.10	\$1,073.19
2	\$252.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$694.50	\$1,284.83
3	\$336.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$909.00	\$1,681.65
4	\$433.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,074.70	\$1,988.20
5	\$534.00	\$501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.70	\$2,306.40
6	\$617.00	\$524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.20	\$2,534.87
7	\$702.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.70	\$2,767.05
8	\$787.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,598.20	\$2,956.67
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			Eligible
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	
1	<=\$1,073.19	<= \$3,000	✓
2	<=\$1,284.83	<= \$3,000	✓
3	<=\$1,681.65	<= \$3,000	✓
4	<=\$1,988.20	<= \$3,000	✓
5	<=\$2,306.40	<= \$3,000	✓
6	<=\$2,534.87	<= \$3,000	✓
7	<=\$2,767.05	<= \$3,000	✓
8	<=\$2,956.67	<= \$3,000	✓
Each Additional Person	\$180.38	<= \$3,000	✓

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Public Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**5. Are you or anyone in your household aged 60 or older? (no pregnant women or children)**

- If No, go to #6

- If Yes, check gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter without Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children	Shelter without Children **	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.10	\$865.99
2	\$252.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$611.50	\$1,131.28
3	\$336.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$745.00	\$1,378.25
4	\$433.00	\$0.00	\$312.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$886.70	\$1,640.40
5	\$534.00	\$0.00	\$337.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,032.70	\$1,910.50
6	\$617.00	\$0.00	\$349.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,145.20	\$2,118.62
7	\$702.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,302.70	\$2,410.00
8	\$787.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.20	\$2,599.62
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$865.99	<= \$3,000	✓
2	<=\$1,131.28	<= \$3,000	✓
3	<=\$1,378.25	<= \$3,000	✓
4	<=\$1,640.40	<= \$3,000	✓
5	<=\$1,910.50	<= \$3,000	✓
6	<=\$2,118.62	<= \$3,000	✓
7	<=\$2,410.00	<= \$3,000	✓
8	<=\$2,599.62	<= \$3,000	✓
Each Additional Person	\$180.38	<= \$3,000	✓

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**6. Are you or anyone else in your household pregnant? AND (Are there children under 18 in the household? OR Are there children aged 18 in the household that are full-time students? )**

- If No to either question, go to #7

- If Yes to both questions, check gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas, Pregnancy). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children **	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy **	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$580.10	\$1,073.19
2	\$252.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$694.50	\$1,284.83
3	\$336.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$909.00	\$1,681.65
4	\$433.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,074.70	\$1,988.20
5	\$534.00	\$501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.70	\$2,306.40
6	\$617.00	\$524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.20	\$2,534.87
7	\$702.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.70	\$2,767.05
8	\$787.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,598.20	\$2,956.67
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of people in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$1,073.19	<= \$2,000	✓
2	<=\$1,284.83	<= \$2,000	✓
3	<=\$1,681.65	<= \$2,000	✓
4	<=\$1,988.20	<= \$2,000	✓
5	<=\$2,306.40	<= \$2,000	✓
6	<=\$2,534.87	<= \$2,000	✓
7	<=\$2,767.05	<= \$2,000	✓
8	<=\$2,956.67	<= \$2,000	✓
Each Additional Person	<=\$180.38	<= \$2,000	✓

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**7. Are you or anyone else in your household pregnant?**

- If No, go to #8

- If Yes, check the gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas, Pregnancy). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children **	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy **	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$580.10	\$1,073.19
2	\$252.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$694.50	\$1,284.83
3	\$336.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$909.00	\$1,681.65
4	\$433.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,074.70	\$1,988.20
5	\$534.00	\$501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,246.70	\$2,306.40
6	\$617.00	\$524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,370.20	\$2,534.87
7	\$702.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,495.70	\$2,767.05
8	\$787.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,598.20	\$2,956.67

Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38
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**Source:** 2021 Guide to Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Public Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$1,073.19	<= \$2,000	√
2	<=\$1,284.83	<= \$2,000	√
3	<=\$1,681.65	<= \$2,000	√
4	<=\$1,988.20	<= \$2,000	√
5	<=\$2,306.40	<= \$2,000	√
6	<=\$2,534.87	<= \$2,000	√
7	<=\$2,767.05	<= \$2,000	√
8	<=\$2,956.67	<= \$2,000	√



Each Additional Person	<=\$180.38	<= \$2,000	✓
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**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**8. Are there any children under 18 in the household? OR Are there children aged 18 in the household that are full-time students?**

- If No, go to #9

- If Yes, check the gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter with Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children **	Shelter without Children	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$277.00	\$0.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$530.10	\$980.69
2	\$252.00	\$283.00	\$0.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$644.50	\$1,192.33
3	\$336.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$859.00	\$1,589.15
4	\$433.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,024.70	\$1,859.70
5	\$534.00	\$501.00	\$0.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,196.70	\$2,213.90

6	\$617.00	\$524.00	\$0.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320.20	\$2,442.37
7	\$702.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,445.70	\$2,674.55
8	\$787.00	\$546.00	\$0.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,548.20	\$2,864.17
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$980.69	<= \$2,000	✓
2	<=\$1,192.33	<= \$2,000	✓
3	<=\$1,589.15	<= \$2,000	✓
4	<=\$1,859.70	<= \$2,000	✓
5	<=\$2,213.90	<= \$2,000	✓

6	<=\$2,442.37	<= \$2,000	✓
7	<=\$2,674.55	<= \$2,000	✓
8	<=\$2,864.17	<= \$2,000	✓
Each Additional Person	<=\$180.38	<= \$2,000	✓

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

**9. All other households (no household members aged 60 or older, no pregnant women, no children)**

- If Yes, check the gross monthly income levels by household size against the 185% maximum monthly needs allowances calculation (Family, Shelter without Children, Energy, Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas). Also check the Cash Assistance resource levels.

MONTHLY NEEDS ALLOWANCES									
# of People in Household	Family **	Shelter with Children	Shelter without Children **	Energy **	Fuel for Heating Other than Natural Gas **	Pregnancy	Other	Total Needs Allowances **	185% Gross Income Calculation
1	\$158.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	\$25.10	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$468.10	\$865.99
2	\$252.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$39.50	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$611.50	\$1,131.28
3	\$336.00	\$0.00	\$286.00	\$53.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$745.00	\$1,378.25

4	\$433.00	\$0.00	\$312.00	\$68.70	\$73.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$886.70	\$1,640.40
5	\$534.00	\$0.00	\$337.00	\$84.70	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,032.70	\$1,910.50
6	\$617.00	\$0.00	\$349.00	\$97.20	\$82.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,145.20	\$2,118.62
7	\$702.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$109.70	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,302.70	\$2,410.00
8	\$787.00	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$122.20	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.20	\$2,599.62
Each Additional Person	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$180.38

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Cash Assistance Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Cash Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

Maximum Needs Allowances x 185%			
# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Resources	Eligible
1	<=\$865.99	<= \$2,000	✓
2	<=\$1,131.28	<= \$2,000	✓

3	<=\$1,378.25	<= \$2,000	✓
4	<=\$1,640.40	<= \$2,000	✓
5	<=\$1,910.50	<= \$2,000	✓
6	<=\$2,118.62	<= \$2,000	✓
7	<=\$2,410.00	<= \$2,000	✓
8	<=\$2,599.62	<= \$2,000	✓
Each Additional Person	\$180.38	<= \$2,000	✓

**Source:** 2021 Guide to Budgeting (Form W-203K) and Public Assistance Budget Computation (Form W-648)

- If the household's resources are below the guidelines and the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

- If the household's resources are higher than the guidelines or the household's gross monthly income is greater than the 185% maximum needs allowances calculation for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Cash Assistance. **DONE**

## [S2\\_R011 - Health Insurance Assistance \(HRA\)](#)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

- 1. All Households 'May Be Eligible' for Health Insurance assistance. DONE**

## S2\_R012 - School Tax Relief (STAR) - (DOF)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for STAR. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the primary residence owned?**

- If No, go to #4.

- If Yes, go to #3.

**3. Is owner #1 or owner #2 aged 65 or older as of the current year?**

- If No, the household “May Be Eligible” for School Tax Relief (Basic STAR). **DONE**

- If Yes, sum all income sources for owner #1 and owner #2. Check gross annual income against the level below.

Annual Household Income	Eligible
<= \$90,550	✓

Last updated: October 2020

- If the owner’s gross annual income is less than or equal to \$90,550, the household “May Be Eligible” for School Tax Relief (Enhanced STAR). **DONE**

- If the owner’s gross annual income is greater than \$90,550 and less than or equal to \$500,000, the household “May Be Eligible” for School Tax Relief (Basic STAR). **DONE**

**4. All other households**

We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for School Tax Relief (STAR). **DONE**

## S2\_R013 - Section 8 Housing (NYCHA)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Section 8. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the head of household age 18 or older?**

- If No, go to #3.

- If Yes, use the household size and gross income for all household members to determine if the household may be eligible for Section 8.

# of People in Household	Annual Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$41,800	✓
2	<= \$47,750	✓
3	<= \$53,700	✓
4	<= \$59,650	✓
5	<= \$64,450	✓
6	<= \$69,200	✓
7	<= \$74,000	✓
8	<= \$78,750	✓

Last updated June 2021

- If the household's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for Section 8. **DONE**

- If the household's gross monthly income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Section 8. **DONE**

**3. All other households members**

We are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for Section 8. **DONE**

## S2\_R014 - Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE) - (DOF)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SCHE. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is owner #1 or owner #2 aged 65 or older  
AND does the household own their primary residence?**

- If No to either question, go to #3
- If Yes, sum all income sources for owner #1 and owner #2. Check gross annual income against the level below.

Annual Household Income	Eligible
<= \$58,399	✓

**Source:** [DOF's website SCHE eligibility requirement section](#) (Updated Dec. 2017)

- If the owner's gross annual income is less than or equal to \$58,399, the household "May Be Eligible" for SCHE. **DONE**
- If the owner's gross annual income is greater than \$58,399, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SCHE. **DONE**

**3. All other households**

- We are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for SCHE. **DONE**



## S2\_R015 - Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) - (DOF)

These rules should be run for the household.

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for SCRIE. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the primary applicant aged 62 or older?**

**AND does the household rent their primary residence?**

**And is the primary applicant named on the lease or the rent order or have been granted succession rights to the apartment?**

**AND does the household live in the following apartment types regulated by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR):**

**Rent Stabilized or Rent Controlled; Mitchell-Lama Apartment; Rent Regulated Hotel Unit; HDFC Cooperative Shareholder apartment , Section 213 Cooperative**

- If No to any question, go to #3

- If Yes, sum all income sources for all household members (excluding income source of Gifts - Received). Check gross annual income is less than or equal to \$50,000.

Annual Household Income	Eligible
<= \$50,000	✓

- If the household’s gross annual income is less than or equal to \$50,000, the household “May Be Eligible” for SCRIE. **DONE**

- If the household’s gross annual income is greater than \$50,000, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for SCRIE. **DONE**

**3. Does the primary applicant spend more than one-third of monthly household income on rent?**

- If Yes, the household “May Be Eligible” for SCRIE.

- If No, go to #4

**4. All other households**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for SCRIE. **DONE**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for UPK. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household at least 4 years old in the current year ?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Pre-K. **DONE**

**3. All other household members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Pre-K. **DONE**

## S2\_R017 – Disabled Homeowners’ Exemption (DHE) - (DOF)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for DHE. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is owner #1 or owner #2 disabled or blind**

**OR (does owner #1 or owner #2 have an income type of:**

**Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Benefits)**

**AND does the household own their primary residence?**

- If No to either question, go to #3
- If Yes, sum all income sources for owner #1 and owner #2. Check gross annual income against the level below.

Annual Household Income	Eligible
<=\$58,399	✓

**Source:** [DOF’s website DHE eligibility requirement section](#) (Updated Dec. 2017)

- If the owner’s gross annual income is less than or equal to \$58,399, the household “May Be Eligible” for DHE. **DONE**
- If the owner’s gross annual income is greater than \$58,399, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for DHE. **DONE**

**3. All other households**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for DHE. **DONE**

## S2 R018 – Veterans' Property Tax Exemption - (DOF)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Veterans’ Exemption.

**DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is owner #1 or owner #2 a veteran**

**AND does the household own their primary residence?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes to both questions, the household “May Be Eligible” for Veterans’ Exemption. **DONE**

**3. All other households**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Veterans’ Exemption. **DONE**

## S2 R019 – Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) - (HRA)

**These rules should be run for the household.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for HEAP. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Does the household have a residence type of ‘Housing Authority’ and not have an expense type of ‘Heating’?**

- If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for HEAP. **DONE**

- If No, go to #3.

**3. Does the household have a residence type of ‘Hotel’?**

- If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for HEAP. **DONE**

- If No, go to #4.

**4. Use the household size and gross income to determine if the household may be eligible for HEAP.**

The following income should be excluded from the gross income calculation:

Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-employment Income for member less than 18

# of People in HH	Monthly HH Income	Eligible
1	<= \$2,610	✓
2	<= \$3,413	✓
3	<= \$4,216	✓
4	<= \$5,019	✓
5	<= \$5,822	✓
6	<= \$6,625	✓
7	<= \$6,775	✓
8	<= \$6,926	✓
9	<= \$7,077	✓
10	<= \$7,227	✓
11	<= \$7,378	✓
12	<= \$7,755	✓
Each Add'l Person	\$560	✓

**Effective: November 2020**

(Note: Income levels only upto 8 household members are implemented on ANYC)

- If the household's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household "May Be Eligible" for HEAP. **DONE**
- If the household's gross monthly income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for HEAP. **DONE**

**S2 R020 – SchoolFoods (School Meals) - (DOE)**

**(NOTE: It is confirmed by the agency liaison that all students are able to receive free meals in school regardless of their family's economic situation. The table rules are not needed for NYC's School Child Nutrition Program. 8/22/2018)**

**These rules run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for School Meals. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member's age between 0 - 21 AND is the household member a student?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for School Meals. **DONE**
- If Yes, the household member "May Be Eligible" for School Meals. **DONE**

**S2 R021 – New York State Unemployment Insurance - (NYS Department of Labor)**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

- 1. Is the household member currently unemployed  
AND did the household member work within the last 18 months?**

- If No to either questions, go to #2

- If Yes to both questions, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Unemployment Insurance.

**DONE**

## **2. All other household members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Unemployment Insurance. **DONE**

## S2\_R022 – Women, Infants and Children (WIC) - (NYSDOH)

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

### **1. Is the household member a “Foster-Child” of the Head of Household?**

- If No question, go to #2

- If Yes, **Go to Section A**

### **2. Is the household member pregnant?**

- If No question, go to #3

- If Yes, Go to Section B

### **3. Is the household member’s age less than 5?**

- If No question, go to #4

-If Yes, **Go to Section B.**

### **4. All other household members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for WIC. **DONE**

### **Section A**

#### **1. Is the household member pregnant?**

- If No, go to #2

- If Yes, check if the household member’s monthly income is less than or equal to \$2,658.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of screening for WIC and Medicaid for Pregnant Women, if a person is pregnant, the screener (implemented in DROOLS and the Screening API) will define the number of people as “2” for the below criteria:

# of People in Household	Member's Monthly Income	Eligible
2	<= \$ 2,686	✓

Updated: June 2021

- If the member's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels, the member "May Be Eligible" for WIC. **DONE**

- If the member's gross monthly income is greater than the income levels, we are "Unable to Determine" the member's potential eligibility for WIC. **DONE**

## 2. Is the household member's age less than 5?

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, check if the household member's monthly income is less than or equal to \$1,926.

# of People in Household	Member's Monthly Income	Eligible
1	<= \$ 1,986	✓

Updated: June 2021

- If the member's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels, the member "May Be Eligible" for WIC. **DONE**

- If the member's gross monthly income is greater than the income levels, we are "Unable to Determine" the member's potential eligibility for WIC. **DONE**

## 3. All other household members

- We are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for WIC. **DONE**

### Section B

#### 1. Determine the household size.

- **Increase** the household size by the number of pregnant women in the household who do not have a Foster-child relationship to the Head of Household. (i.e. one pregnant woman, increase by one; two pregnant women, increase by two; etc.)

- **Subtract** the number of Foster Children from the household size.

#### 2. Determine the household income by adding income for all household members, excluding household members that have a "Foster-Child" relationship type to the Head of Household.

#### 3. Check gross monthly income levels by household size.



# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$ 1,986	✓
2	<= \$ 2,686	✓
3	<= \$ 3,386	✓
4	<= \$ 4,086	✓
5	<= \$ 4,786	✓
6	<= \$ 5,486	✓
7	<= \$ 6,186	✓
8	<= \$ 6,886	✓
For each additional person	+\$700	✓

**Source:** Federal WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines.

**Updated:** June 2021 (Effective through June 30, 2022 )

- If the household's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household member "May Be Eligible" for WIC. **DONE**

- If the household's gross monthly income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for WIC. **DONE**

## [S2\\_R023 – Community Meals \(formerly known as Summer Meals\) \(DOE\)](#)

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

### **1. Is the household member aged less than 19?**

- If No, go to #2

- If Yes, the household member "May Be Eligible" for Summer Meals. **DONE**

### **2. All other household members**

- We are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for Summer Meals. **DONE**

## [S2\\_R024 – NYCHA Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability \(REES\) - \(NYCHA\)](#)

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

### **1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for REES. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Does the household rent their primary residence and have a residence type of ‘Housing Authority’?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for REES. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #3

**3. Is the household member 18 or older?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for REES. **DONE**

- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for REES. **DONE**

**S2 R025 – Senior Employment Services (SES) - (DFTA)**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for SES. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2.

**2. Is the household member 55 years old or older?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for SES. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #3.

**3. Is the household member currently unemployed?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for SES. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #4.

**4. Is the household member disabled? OR**

**Is the household member NOT the Head of Household or the Spouse of the Head of Household?**

- If No, go to #5.
- If Yes, calculate the household member's gross income.

**Include** the following income sources in the gross income calculation for that household member:

- Alimony (Received)
- Border or Lodger
- Child Support (Received)
- Government or Private Pension
- Investment Income (interest, dividends, and profit from selling stock)
- Rental Income
- Self-employment Income
- 75% of Social Security Retirement benefits
- 75% of Social Security Survivor benefits
- Wages, Salary, Tips
- Withdrawals from Deferred Compensation (IRA, Keogh, etc.)

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$1,341.66	✓

Updated: February 2021

- If the household member's gross income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household member "May Be Eligible" for SES. **DONE**
- If the household member's gross income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for SES. **DONE**

#### 5. Is the household member the Head of Household or the spouse of the Head of Household?

- If No, we are unable to determine the household member's eligibility for SES. **DONE**
- If Yes, determine the number of household members by counting:
  - the Head of Household
  - the spouse of the Head of Household (if there is one)

**Include** the following income sources in the gross income calculation for the Head of Household and the spouse of the Head of Household (if there is one):

- Alimony (Received)
- Border or Lodger
- Child Support (Received)
- Government or Private Pension

- Investment Income (interest, dividends, and profit from selling stock)
- Rental Income
- Self-employment Income
- 75% of Social Security Retirement benefits
- 75% of Social Security Survivor benefits
- Wages, Salary, Tips
- Withdrawals from Deferred Compensation (IRA, Keogh, etc.)

# of people in the Household	Monthly Income	Eligible
1	<= \$1,341.66	✓
2	<= \$1,814.58	✓

Updated: February 2021

(**NOTE:** Agency provided the rate up to 8 household members although rules details implements up to 2 people.)

- If the household's gross income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household member "May Be Eligible" for SES. **DONE**
- If the household's gross income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for SES. **DONE**

## [S2\\_R026 – Workforce1 - \(SBS\)](#)

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

### **1. Is the household member 18 or older?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for Workforce1. **DONE**
- If Yes, the household member "May Be Eligible" for Workforce1. **DONE**

## S2\_R027 – Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) - (NYS DOH)

### 1. Determine the household size.

Is the household member aged 60 or older?

Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<=\$ 1,396	✓
2	<=\$ 1,888	✓
3	<=\$ 2,379	✓
4	<=\$ 2,871	✓
5	<= \$ 3,363	✓
6	<= \$ 3,855	✓
7	<= \$ 4,347	✓
8	<= \$ 4,839	✓
Each Additional Person	+ \$492	✓

Updated: June 2021

- If the household's gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household member "May Be Eligible" for CSFP. **DONE**

- If the household's gross monthly income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for CSFP. **DONE**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for ISY. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member’s age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student AND Does the household have an income source of ‘Cash Assistance Grant’**

- If No, go to #3
- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for ISY. **DONE**

**3. Is the household member’s age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student AND Is the household member disabled?**

- If No, go to #4
- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for ISY. **DONE**

**4. Is the household member’s age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student AND Is the household member a ‘Foster Child’ of the head of household?**

- If No, go to #5
- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for ISY. **DONE**

**5. Is the household member’s age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student AND Is the household member pregnant?**

- If No, go to #6
- If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for ISY. **DONE**

**6. Is the household member’s age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student? AND Is the member a ‘Child’ or ‘Step-Child’ of the Head of Household?**

- If No, go to #7
- If Yes, determine the household size by only counting the following members:
  - head of household
  - the spouse of the head of household (if there is one)
  - children of the head of household (child or step-child)
- Then determine the household total income by counting all income for the following members:
  - head of household
  - the spouse of the head of household (if there is one)

- children of the head of household (child or step-child)

- For these household members, exclude the following income sources from the gross income calculation:

- Child Support (Received)
- Cash Assistance Grant
- Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Unemployment Benefits

# of People in Household	Annual Household Income	Eligible
1	\$11,670	✓
2	\$18,336	✓
3	\$25,168	✓
4	\$31,071	✓
5	\$36,664	✓
6	\$42,885	✓
7	\$49,106	✓
8	\$55,327	✓
Each Additional Person	\$6,221	✓

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for ISY. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for ISY. **DONE**

**7. Is the household member's age between 14 and 21 years AND Is the household member a student? AND Is the member NOT a 'Child' or 'Step-Child' of the Head of Household?**

- If No, go to #8

For this household member, exclude the following income sources from the gross income calculation:

- Child Support (Received)
- Cash Assistance Grant
- Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Unemployment Benefits

# of People in Household	Annual Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$11,670	√

- If the gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income levels for the household size, the household member "May Be Eligible" for ISY. **DONE**

- If the gross monthly income is greater than the income levels for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for ISY. **DONE**

**8. All other household members**

- We are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for ISY. **DONE**



## S2\_R029 – Nurse-Family Partnership (for women/girls having their first baby) - (DOHMH)

These rules should be run for each household member individually.

### 1. Does the household live in New York City?

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for NFP. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

### 2. Is the household member pregnant?

- If No, go to #3
- If Yes, increase the household size by one (to account for the unborn child) and check if the household member’s monthly income is less than or equal to \$2,960.

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	<= \$2,960	✓
2	<= \$3,733	✓
3	<= \$4,606	✓
4	<= \$5,280	✓
5	<= \$6,053	✓
6	<= \$6,826	✓
7	<= \$7,599	

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- If the household member’s gross monthly income is less than or equal to the income level for the household size, the household member “May Be Eligible” for NFP. **DONE**

If the household member's gross monthly income is greater than the income level for the household size, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for NFP. **DONE**

**3. All other households members**

- We are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for NFP. **DONE**

**S2\_R030 – Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) - (DYCD)**

**These rules should be run for each household member individually.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household member's potential eligibility for SYEP. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the household member's age between 14 and 24?**

- If Yes, the household member is potentially eligible for SYEP. **DONE**

- If No, we are unable to determine eligibility for SYEP. **DONE.**

**S2\_R031 – Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP) - (NYS DOH)**

**While these rules should be run for each household member individually, the overall household size and gross income will be used.**

**1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for any New York City Public Health Insurance program. **DONE**

- If Yes, go to #2

**1. Is the household member enrolled in Medicaid ?**

- If No, go to #3

- If Yes, we are "Unable to Determine" the household's potential eligibility for any New York City Public Health Insurance program. **DONE**

**2. Is the household member pregnant?**

- If No, continue to step 4.

- If yes “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for the Family Planning Benefit program. **DONE**

**3. Is the household member under 10 or over 64 years of age?**

- If No, continue to step 5.

- If yes “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for the Family Planning Benefit program. **DONE**

**4. If a household member is not pregnant and aged 10 to 64 check gross monthly income by household size.**

- For calculating the household size if there is a pregnant household member increase household size by the number of pregnant women in the household (i.e. one pregnant woman, increase by one; two pregnant women, increase by two; etc.) before continuing. There is no need to step through the rules for the unborn child (only the household size is increased).

# of People in Household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
1	\$ 2,394	✓
2	\$ 3,238	✓
3	\$ 4,081	✓
4	\$ 4,925	✓
5	\$ 5,769	✓
6	\$ 6,612	✓
7	\$ 7,456	✓
8	\$ 8,300	✓
Each Additional Person	+\$ 844	✓

**Source:** Preliminary Federal Poverty Guidelines 2021 spreadsheet

## S2\_R032 – IDNYC - (HRA)

### **1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If **No**, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for IDNYC. **DONE**
- If **Yes**, proceed to 2.

### **2. Is any other household member 10 years old or older?**

- If **No**, we are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for IDNYC.
- If **Yes**, the household member “May be eligible” for IDNYC. **DONE**

## S2\_R033 – Cooling Assistance Benefit (HRA)

These rules should be run for the household.

### **1. Does the household live in New York City?**

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Cooling Assistance Benefit .  
**DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

### **2. Does the household have a residence type of ‘Housing Authority’ and not have an expense type of ‘Heating’?**

- If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Cooling Assistance Benefit. **DONE**
- If No, go to #3.

### **3. Does the household have a residence type of ‘Hotel’, or ‘In a shelter or homeless’?**

- If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Cooling Assistance Benefit.  
**DONE**
- If No, go to #4.

### **4. Does the Household qualify for ‘SNAP’, ‘Temporary Assistance’ or ‘Code A Supplemental Security Income’ OR meet the income guidelines?**

**Use the household size and gross income to determine if the household may be eligible for Cooling Benefits.**

The following income should be excluded from the gross income calculation:  
Wages, Salary, Tips and Self-employment Income for member less than 18

# of People in HH	Monthly HH Income	Eligible
1	<= \$2,610	✓
2	<= \$3,413	✓
3	<= \$4,216	✓
4	<= \$5,019	✓
5	<= \$5,822	✓
6	<= \$6,625	✓
7	<= \$6,775	✓
8	<= \$6,926	✓
Each Additional Person	\$560	✓

Effective: May 2021

## S2\_R034 – Fair Fares NYC (HRA)

### 1. Does the household live in New York City?

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Fair Fares NYC. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #2

### 2. Is the household member aged between 18 and 64 (including)?

- If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Fair Fares NYC. **DONE**
- If Yes, go to #3

### 3. Check gross monthly income levels by household size.

# of People in HH	Annual HH Income	Eligible
1	<= \$12,880	✓
2	<= \$17,420	✓
3	<= \$21,960	✓
4	<= \$26,500	✓
5	<= \$31,040	✓
6	<= \$35,580	✓

7	<= \$40,120	✓
8	<= \$44,660	✓

Effective: January 2021

**4. All other households members**

- We are “Unable to Determine” the household member’s potential eligibility for Fair Fares NYC. **DONE**

**S2\_R035 – Public Housing (NYCHA)**

**1. Does the household live in or work New York City?**

- a. If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Public Housing. **DONE**
- b. If Yes, go to #2

**2. Is the head of the household aged 18 or older?**

- a. If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Public Housing. **DONE**
- b. If Yes, go to #3

**3. If the spouse or domestic partner of the person applying is 18 years or older?**

- a. If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Public Housing. **DONE**
- b. If Yes, go to #4

**4. Is the head of the household member related by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, adoption, guardianship or court-awarded custody with another household member? (Check if there are the following relationship types: spouse, child, foster child, parent, grandparent, foster parent, sister/brother, domestic partners, step-child, step parent, step sister).**

This excludes relationship types: unrelated, related in some other way, boyfriend/girlfriend

- a. If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Public Housing. **DONE**
- b. If Yes, go to #5

**5. Check gross annual income levels by household size.**

# of People in HH	Annual HH Income	Eligible
1	<= \$63,700	✓
2	<= \$72,800	✓
3	<= 81,900	✓
4	<= \$90,950	✓
5	<=\$98,250	✓
6	<= \$105,550	✓
7	<= \$112,800	✓
8	<= \$120,100	✓

**Updated: June 2020**

## S2\_R036 – Train & Earn (DYCD)

### **1. Does the household live in or work New York City?**

If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Train & Earn. **DONE**

If Yes, go to #2

### **2. Is the household member between 16 - 24 years old (including)?**

If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Train & Earn. **DONE**

If Yes, go to #3

### **3. Is the member a student?**

If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Train & Earn. **DONE**

If No, go to #4

### **4. Is the member employed?**

If Yes, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Train & Earn. **DONE**

If No, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Train & Earn. **DONE**

## S2\_R037 – Home Care Services Program (HRA)

1. Does the household live in or work New York City?  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Home Care Services. **DONE**  
If Yes, go to #2
2. Is the household member receiving Medicaid?  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Home Care Services. **DONE**  
If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Home Care Services. **DONE**

## S2\_R038 – Medicaid for Pregnant Women (HRA)

1. Does the household live in or work New York City?  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Medicaid for Pregnant. **DONE**  
If Yes, go to #2
2. Is the household member pregnant?  
If No, “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Medicaid for Pregnant. **DONE**  
If Yes, continue to step 3.
3. Does the household meet the following income guidelines? Check gross annual income levels by household size.  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for Medicaid for Pregnant. **DONE**  
If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for Medicaid for Pregnant. **DONE**

**NOTE:** For the purposes of screening for WIC and Medicaid for Pregnant Women, the screener (implemented in DROOLS and the Screening API) will define the number of people based on the inclusion of a pregnant person differently.



Calculate the household size by increasing the household size by one for the number of pregnant women in the household (i.e. one pregnant woman, increase by one; two pregnant women, increase by two; etc.) before continuing. There is no need to step through the rules for the unborn child (only the household size is increased).

# of People in a household	Monthly Household Income	Eligible
2	<= \$3238	√
3	<= \$4081	√
4	<= \$4925	√
5	<= \$5769	√
6	<= \$6612	√
7	<= \$7456	√
8	<= \$8300	√
<b>Each Additional Person</b>	\$844	√

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## [S2 R039 – NYC Free Tax Prep \(DCA\)](#)

1. Does the household live in or work New York City?  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for NYC Free Tax. **DONE**  
If Yes, go to #2
2. Does the household income less than or equal to \$68,000?  
If No, we are “Unable to Determine” the household’s potential eligibility for NYC Free Tax. **DONE**  
If Yes, the household member “May Be Eligible” for NYC Free Tax. **DONE**

## Appendix

**“DONE”** - When eligibility rules state “DONE” at the end of eligibility step, it means that the rule doesn't check anything else or it doesn't look any further to check eligibility within the specific step.

**Gross Income** - total pay before taxes or other deductions.

**Head of household** - is the person who can represent everyone in your family and pays most of the family's expenses. If you pay more than half the cost for your home this year, you are the head of household.

**Household (HH)** - is composed of one or more people who live together. For SNAP, it applies for people who eat and prepare meals together.

**May be eligible** - it is not guaranteed but most probably so.

**Primary residence** - principal and permanent place of residence.

One can have only one primary residence but may own more than one property. A registered legal address (on New York State (NYS) driver's license or non-driver license New York City identification card, on Income Taxes or voters registration) is considered your primary residence.

**Unable to Determine** - it is unable to know or decide what will be the outcome.

## Change Log

These changes are implemented in the NYC Benefits Screening API, on [ACCESS NYC](#), and in this document. The updates originate from the administering government agency.

Program name	Updates Type	Date Implemented in the API
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	Income guideline	February 2021
Senior Employment Services (SES)	Income guideline	February 2021
NYC Free Tax Prep	Income guideline	February 2021
Fair Fares	Income guideline	February 2021
Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)	Income guideline	November 2020
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	Income guideline	October 2020
School Tax Relief (STAR)	Income guideline	October 2020
Train & Earn, Home Care Services Program, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, NYC Free Tax Prep	New program added to the screener	October 2020
Public Housing	New program added to the screener	June 2020
FPBP	Income guideline	June 2020

CSFP	Income guideline	June 2020
Cooling Assistance	Income guideline	June 2020
WIC	Income guideline	June 2020
EITC	Income guideline	February 2020
SES	Income guideline	February 2020
Fair Fares NYC	New program added to the screener	February 2020
HEAP	Income guideline	November 2019
STAR	Income guideline	November 2019
Cooling Assistance Benefit	New program added to the screener	August 2019
Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)	Income guideline	August 2019
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	Income guideline	August 2019
HEAP	Logic is corrected: living situation "In Shelter/Homeless" is removed from potential eligibility.	August 2019
COMPASS	Logic is corrected: member condition 'Student' is added to potentially eligible criteria.	August 2019

WIC	Income guideline	August 2019
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP)	Income guideline	March 2019
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	Income guideline	March 2019
School Tax Relief (STAR)	Income guideline	March 2019
Senior Employment Services (SES)	Income guideline	March 2019
Section 8 Housing	Income guideline	March 2019