

# Citizens and Non-Citizens Desk Aid

## UNITED STATES CITIZENS

All U.S. Citizens are potentially eligible for SNAP, Adult Financial (AF), Colorado Works (CW), and Medical Assistance (MA) based on citizenship and immigration status. All other criteria must still be met.

**For Old Age Pension (OAP) only:** Applicants are potentially eligible regardless of citizenship status, all other eligibility criteria must still be met. Tests 1, 2, and 3 below do not apply

### U.S. Born

- 50 States
- Washington D.C.
- Puerto Rico
- Guam
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- Northern Mariana Islands
- American Samoa
- Swains Island

### Born Abroad

Born outside of the U.S. to  
U.S. citizen parent

### Naturalized

Became a U.S. citizen  
through the Naturalization  
process

## TEST 1: QUALIFIED NON-CITIZENS FOR ALL HLPGS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The following statuses are considered to be Qualified Non-Citizens without having to meet an additional condition such as the 5-year bar (which does not apply to Old Age Pension); this will still be the case even if their status changes. If an individual passes Test 1, they are potentially qualified and no further test is required.

- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
- Asylees
- Certain Amerasians
- Certain American Indians Born Abroad
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants
- Cuban or Haitian Entrants
- Hmong or Highland Laotian Tribal Members
- Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants (SIVs)
- Refugees
  - Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees  
(entry between 02/24/2022 - 09/30/2024)
- Victims of Severe Trafficking



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## TEST 2: QUALIFIED NON-CITIZENS ELIGIBLE FOR ALL HLPGS WITH ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

The following Non-Citizens are only eligible for a program if they have met an additional condition such as the 5-year bar. If Test 2 is met, go to Test 3 to determine if the individual is potentially eligible. If neither Test 1 nor Test 2 are met, and the client is a non-citizen, they are ineligible for all programs.\*

- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR)
- Conditional Entrants
- Paroled into the U.S. for 1 year or more
- Battered Non-Citizens



## TEST 3: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

Applicants who meet the requirements of Test 2 must also meet at least one of the requirements for Test 3. If the applicant does not meet US Citizenship, or Non-Citizen Test 1 or Test 2 with an additional condition, they may not be eligible for public assistance.

### For all programs (except Old Age Pension (OAP):

5 years of Residence (5-year bar) from date of entry or qualified status; can be interrupted for periods of less than 6 months. The 5-year Bar condition is the most commonly met of the Test 3 conditions.

### Medical Assistance Only:

If a Non-Qualified Non-Citizen has a life or limb threatening emergency or wishes to apply for Reproductive Health Care Services, they may be eligible for limited benefits. See MAGI Categories and Special circumstances WBT for more training information.

\*Non-Qualified Non-Citizens who are pregnant or under 19, with undocumented status, or who have not met the five-year waiting period for citizenship, may be eligible for Medical Assistance under Cover All Coloradans as long as all other eligibility criteria is met. Please utilize Cover All Coloradans training for more information on this topic.

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## TEST 3: ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS CONTINUED

### SNAP only:

- 40 Qualifying work Quarters
- Elderly born on or before 8/22/1931 who lawfully resided in the U.S. on 8/22/1996
- Under 18 years of age
- Receiving benefits or assistance for blindness or disability
- Military Connected
- Lawfully residing in a U.S. State
- On active duty (not training) in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard (Not National Guard)
- Spouse, unmarried Surviving Spouse, or unmarried Dependent Child of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty personnel
- Discharge cannot be due to Immigration status.
- **Must meet Test 2 for SNAP.**

**Cash Programs (except OAP):** Adjusted to LPR status from a Test 1 status

**Hardship Exceptions for CW:** Indigence, Mistreatment or abuse by sponsor, Abandonment by sponsor

**For OAP only\*:** There is no Citizenship requirement. The tests above do not apply.

**NOTE:** Use the Non-Citizen Acceptable Documents and Class Codes Desk Aid for Adult Financial, Colorado Works, and Medical Assistance.



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