

CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS

UNITED STATES CITIZENS

All U.S. Citizens are potentially eligible* for Colorado Works (CW), Adult Financial (AF), Medical Assistance (MA) and SNAP

*Potentially eligible based on citizenship and immigration status. All other criteria must still be met.

*For OAP only: *Potentially eligible regardless of citizenship status, all other eligibility criteria must still be met. The tests below do not apply.**

U.S. Born	Born Abroad	Naturalized
50 States Washington, D.C. Puerto Rico Guam U.S. Virgin Islands Northern Mariana Islands American Samoa Swains's Island	Born outside of the U.S. to U.S. citizen parent	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 OAP); 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.

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

(* For Adult Financial, Colorado Works, and Medical Assistance only)



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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. The 5-year Bar condition is the most common.

For all programs (except 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
- Military Connected*

SNAP and Medical Assistance only:

- 40 Qualifying work Quarters

Medical Assistance only:

- Children under 19
- Pregnant Women (for Legal Immigrant Prenatal)
- Have a “life or limb” threatening emergency to qualify for Emergency Medical Coverage. Must still meet all eligibility requirements for one of the MA aid codes.

Cash Programs (except OAP):

- Adjusted to LPR status from a Test 1 status

Hardship Exceptions for CW and OAP only:

- Indigence, Mistreatment or abuse by sponsor, Abandonment by sponsor

SNAP only:

- 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; and,
- On active duty (other than for training) in the U.S.: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard (Not National Guard); or
- Spouse, Surviving Spouse (if not remarried) or Dependent Child (if not married) of an honorably discharged veteran or active duty personnel

Note: Discharge cannot be due to Immigration status. **Must meet Test 2 for SNAP.**

