

Food and Nutrition Service, USDA

§ 247.8

moving toward compliance with the requirements for recognition of tax-exempt status. However, if the IRS subsequently denies a participating agency's application for recognition of tax-exempt status, the agency must immediately notify the State agency of the denial. The State agency must terminate the agency's agreement and participation immediately upon notification. If documentation of recognition of tax-exempt status is not received within 180 days of the effective date of the agency's approval to participate in CSFP, the State agency must terminate the agency's participation until such time as recognition of tax-exempt status is obtained. However, the State agency may grant an extension of 90 days if the agency demonstrates that its inability to obtain tax-exempt status in the 180-day period is due to circumstances beyond its control.

(d) *How much time does the State agency have to make a decision on the local agency's application?* The State agency must inform the local agency of approval or denial of the application within 60 days of its receipt. If the application is denied, the State agency must provide a written explanation for the denial, along with notification of the local agency's right to appeal the decision, in accordance with § 247.35. If the application is approved, the State and local agency must enter into an agreement in accordance with the requirements of § 247.4.

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§ 247.8 Individuals applying to participate in CSFP.

(a) *What information must individuals applying to participate in CSFP provide?* To apply for CSFP benefits, the applicant, or the adult parent or caretaker of the applicant, must provide the following information on the application:

(1) Name and address, including some form of identification for each applicant;

(2) Household income, except where the applicant is determined to be automatically eligible under § 247.9(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(ii);

(3) Household size, except where the applicant is determined to be auto-

matically eligible under § 247.9(b)(1)(i) and (b)(1)(ii); and

(4) Other information related to eligibility, such as age or pregnancy, as applicable.

(b) *What else is required on the application form?* The application form must include a nondiscrimination statement that informs the applicant that program standards are applied without discrimination by race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. After informing the applicant (or adult parent or caretaker) of his or her rights and responsibilities, in accordance with § 247.12, the local agency must ensure that the applicant, or the adult parent or caretaker of the applicant, signs the application form beneath the following pre-printed statement. The statement must be read by, or to, the applicant (or adult parent or caretaker) before signing.

"This application is being completed in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify information on this form. I am aware that deliberate misrepresentation may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal statutes. I am also aware that I may not receive both CSFP and WIC benefits simultaneously, and I may not receive CSFP benefits at more than one CSFP site at the same time. Furthermore, I am aware that the information provided may be shared with other organizations to detect and prevent dual participation. I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the program. I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize the release of information provided on this application form to other organizations administering assistance programs for use in determining my eligibility for participation in other public assistance programs and for program outreach purposes. (Please indicate decision by placing a checkmark in the appropriate box.)

YES []

NO []

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