

Noncitizen Eligibility Desk Guide (Effective Oct 1, 2026)

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KEY

- YES: means that the individual is potentially eligible based on immigration status
- NO: means they wouldn't be eligible due to status
- E, D, DV, H, LH: means the individual is potentially eligible for State funded benefits if they meet a condition listed below:

E	Elderly (65 + years)	Individual
D	Disabled	Individual
DV	Survivor of domestic violence or trafficking	Household
H	Seeking EAD (formerly in ACES as Hardship)	Household
LH	Unemployed or parent is unemployed (formerly in ACES as Limited Hardship)	Individual and children under 18

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ACES will use the U.S. Land Date field to determine if a client has met the 5-year bar.
- If a noncitizen is eligible for Federal SSI, then they are NOT eligible for SSI Super Supplement. Always review Federal SSI eligibility at Annual Recertification to ensure continued SSI Super Supplement eligibility.
- When reviewing SAVE results, the Class of Admission (COA) code will be entered separately in the Noncitizen Detail. This field must be completed for each client. To help determine what the COA code is, please refer to the [Immigration Code Lookup Tool](#).
- If a noncitizen provides verification of a status that is not returned on the SAVE (i.e. U.S. Military Connection or American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico) enter that information as a Person Status.

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Amerasian Immigrant (COA)	YES	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status <i>NOTE: May receive Federal SSI for up to 7 years from date status granted</i>
American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico (Type, COA, Person Status) SAVE may not be required. See the SAVE Verification Guide for details about how to verify this status. Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO - SSI Eligible

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Asylee (Type, COA) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status <i>NOTE: May receive Federal SSI for up to 7 years from date status granted</i>
Asylum Seeker (Type) This type includes SAVE results of Non-immigrant with a pending I-589 , which can be confirmed with a I-797. May provide an electronic receipt from EOIR or DOJ	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status

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Battered Individual (Type) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information	YES - State Funded	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters (4) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV (5) The date of entry to the U.S. is prior to Aug 22, 1996 (6) Prior eligible status ***	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status
COFA Migrants (Type, COA) Residents of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau are considered noncitizens but are eligible for full SNAP, TANF and Medicaid under federal law.	YES	YES	YES	NO

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Conditional Entrant prior to Apr 1, 1980 (Type) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters (4) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV (5) The date of entry to the U.S. is prior to Aug 22, 1996 (6) Prior eligible status ***	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status
Cuban/Haitian entrant (COA, Person Status)	YES	YES	YES	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status <i>NOTE: May receive Federal SSI for up to 7 years from date status granted</i>

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Deportee whose deportation is withheld (Type, COA, Person Status) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information May provide an order granting withholding of deportation or removal issued by the INS, DHS, BIA, and immigration judge or any other Federal Court.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status <i>NOTE: May receive Federal SSI up to 7 years from date status granted</i>
Hmong or Highland Laotian tribal member (Person Status) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Have a qualifying noncitizen type <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holder (COA)	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Have a qualifying noncitizen type of LPR or COFA Migrant <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status <i>NOTE: May receive Federal SSI for up to 7 years from date status granted</i>
Lawful Permanent Resident (Type) Note: If LPR is the Noncitizen Type and the COA is returned as Refugee, Amerasian, Asylee, Deportee whose deportation is withheld, Cuban/Haitian entrant, American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico, Victim of severe trafficking, or COFA migrant OR they have a verified Person Status of American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico, Cuban/Haitian entrant, Deportee whose deportation is withheld, Victim of severe trafficking, U.S. military connection, or Hmong or Highland Laotian tribal member, the individual is eligible for Federal SNAP.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years (2) Under age 18 (3) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV (4) Was over age 65 AND residing in US on 8/22/96 (5) Receiving payments or assistance for blindness or disability (6) Has 40 qualifying quarters of work experience ‡ (7) Has a qualifying COA or Person Status	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters (4) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV (5) Prior eligible status ***	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years (2) Status for less than 5 years, but has one of the following: a. Qualifying COA** b. Qualifying person status** c. SDX Verified (MaineCare Eligible) (3) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (4) Under age 21 (5) Prior eligible status *** , <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Paroled into the US for at least one year (Type) <i>Choose this status if the difference between the parole date and the parole expiration date is 365 days or more.</i> Parolees from Afghanistan see EMERGENCY NOTE 10/4/22 Parolees from Ukraine see EMERGENCY NOTE 5/21/2022	YES - But only if a condition applies: <i>State Funded if:</i> (1) Meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH AND (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Status for at least 5 years OR (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status OR (3) Has 40 qualifying work quarters OR (4) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH (5) The date of entry to the U.S. is prior to Aug 22, 1996 (6) Prior eligible status ***	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled (2) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status
Paroled into the US for less than one year (Type) <i>Choose this status if the difference between the parole date and the parole expiration date is less than 365 days.</i> Parolees from Afghanistan see EMERGENCY NOTE 10/4/22 Parolees from Ukraine see EMERGENCY NOTE 5/21/2022	NO	NO	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
PRUCOL: Non-Qualified Alien (Type) This type includes SAVE results of TPS or U-Visa recipients. May provide an electronic receipt from EOIR or DOJ	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH NOTE: PRUCOLs who are Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or U-Visa recipients are not qualified to receive benefits using the H or LH eligibility conditions.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH NOTE: PRUCOLs who are Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or U-Visa recipients are not qualified to receive benefits using the H or LH eligibility conditions.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (1) Elderly or disabled Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status
Refugee (Type, COA) Note: If the individual is listed as an LPR on the SAVE result, see LPR, otherwise use this information. Parolees from Afghanistan see EMERGENCY NOTE 10/4/22 Parolees from Ukraine see EMERGENCY NOTE 5/21/2022	YES - But only if a condition applies: (2) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (4) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (5) Under age 21 (6) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	YES - Potentially eligible if ALL conditions apply: (3) Elderly or disabled (4) Closed, denied or ineligible for SSI due to citizenship status NOTE: May receive Federal SSI for up to 7 years from date status granted

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Unknown or Undetermined or Undocumented Status (Type) Use this Citizenship Type if: - An applicant states they have no official immigration status. No SAVE is required to confirm undocumented individuals. - No result is returned by SAVE after all reasonable efforts have been made to positively identify the client and obtain useable immigration information.	YES - But only if a condition applies: <i>State Funded if:</i> (1) Meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH AND (2) Has a qualifying COA or person status	NO	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage - effective 12/1/2023) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO
U.S. Military Connection (Person Status) Note: The individual is a veteran or active duty in the US Armed Forces or is the spouse or unmarried dependent child of a veteran or active service member.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO - SSI Eligible

ACES Noncitizen (Type, COA, Person Status)	SNAP	TANF	MaineCare	State SSI Super Supplement
Victim of severe trafficking (COA, Person Status) <i>This status may also apply to family members of a trafficking victim, including spouses, minor children, parents, and siblings.</i> SAVE may return various responses, likely some type of Non-Immigrant result May provide T-Visa or other verification from HHS, INS, DHS, ORR or other authority indicating status as a trafficking victim including via HHS Trafficking Verification Line (1-866-401-5510) or a VAWA prima facie letter.	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) <i>State Funded</i> if meets an exception: E, D, DV, H, LH	YES	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 (3) Granted LPR Status <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO - SSI Eligible
Visitor, Tourist, or Student (Type)	NO	NO	YES - But only if a condition applies: (1) Pregnant (eligible for 12 months of postpartum coverage) (2) Under age 21 <i>If not, Emergency MaineCare only (if in a coverable group)</i>	NO

EMERGENCY NOTES

Emergency Note 10/4/2022:

Parolees from Afghanistan paroled into the US between July 31, 2021 and December 16, 2022 are temporarily treated as Refugees for all federal benefit eligibility purposes. **Code these individuals in ACES as Refugee with an end date of 3/31/2023 or the parole expiration date, whichever is later.**

Emergency Note 5/21/2022

Ukrainian nationals, citizens, or those who last habitually lived in Ukraine who are granted parole between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2024 **OR** are granted parole after September 30, 2023 and are the spouse, child, parent legal guardian or primary caregiver of an Ukrainian national, citizen, or those who last habitually lived in Ukraine who were granted parole between February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2024, are temporarily treated as Refugees for all federal benefit eligibility purposes. **Code these individuals in ACES as Refugee.**

Notes

‡ 40 Quarters Note:

Do not count quarters attributed from a spouse if they were divorced prior to the current certification period.

** Qualified COA Codes

“Refugee”, “Amerasian Immigrants”, “Asylees”, “Deportees whose deportation is withheld”, “American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico”, “COFA Migrant”, “Cuban/Haitian Entrant”, “Victim of severe trafficking”, “Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holder”.

** Qualified Person Statuses

“American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico”, “COFA Migrant”, “Cuban/Haitian Entrant”, “Deportee whose deportation is withheld”, “Victim of severe trafficking”, “U.S. Military Connection”.

***Prior Eligible Status:

For MaineCare and TANF prior eligible statuses remain valid. A client may qualify for a better benefit granting status, these should continue to be documented in the Class of Admission field.

NONCITIZEN SNAP INCLUSION STATUSES – ACES TYPES

NOTE: This chart reflects what should occur in ACES; however, we are aware of some system defects that may cause the inclusion status displayed in ACES to differ from the chart. If you notice a difference, report it to your supervisor to create a JIRA ticket.

NONCITIZENSHIP TYPE	FEDERAL SNAP	STATE SNAP
COFA Migrants	Included on Federal	Income Included on State
Lawful Permanent Resident	Included on Federal IF : • 5-years or more from land date or under 18 OR • receiving payments due to disability OR • receiving full MaineCare due to disability Otherwise Excluded on Federal OR • Has certain COA or person status, see below	If Included on Federal, then Income Included on State If FSP Excluded on Federal AND before 5-year bar AND has exception E, D, DV or H, then Included on State Otherwise Excluded on State
Asylee Asylum Seeker Battered Individual Conditional Entrant prior to Apr 1, 1980 Deportee whose deportation is withheld Refugee Paroled into the US for at least one year PRUCOL: Non-Qualified Alien	Excluded on Federal	If has E, D, DV, H or LH, then Included on State Otherwise Excluded on State
American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico Paroled into the US for less than one year Unknown or Undetermined or Undocumented Visitor, Tourists and Students	FSP Pro-rated Deemer on Federal	FSP Pro-rated Deemer on State unless: • Has certain COA or person status, see below

NONCITIZEN SNAP INCLUSION STATUSES – ACES CLASS OF ADMISSION CODES		
NONCITIZENSHIP COA	FEDERAL SNAP	STATE SNAP
Amerasian immigrant COFA Migrants Cuban/Haitian entrant	Included on Federal	Income Included on State
Asylee American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico Deportee whose deportation is withheld Refugee Victim of severe trafficking	Included on Federal IF: • Lawful Permanent Resident	If has E, D, DV, H or LH, then Included on State Otherwise Excluded on State

NONCITIZEN SNAP INCLUSION STATUSES – ACES PERSON STATUSES		
NONCITIZENSHIP PERSON STATUS	FEDERAL SNAP	STATE SNAP
Cuban/Haitian entrant	Included on Federal	Income Included on State
American Indigenous person born in Canada/Mexico Deportee whose deportation is withheld Hmong or Highland Laotian tribal member U.S. military connection Victim of severe trafficking	Included on Federal IF: • Lawful Permanent Resident	If has E, D, DV, H or LH, then Included on State Otherwise FSP Pro-rated Deemer on State

RESOURCES

For further resources and information about noncitizen-related topics, see Streamline Maine. Available documents include:

OFI POLICY AND PROCESS RELATED

- [SNAP Application Processing Checklist](#)
- [TANF Application Processing Checklist](#)
- [TANF-SNAP Hardship Exceptions \(SOP\)](#)
- [State Funded SNAP Benefits](#)
- [State Super Supplement](#)
- [State Super Supplement MaineCare Budget](#)

SAVE PROCESS RELATED

- [SAVE Process for Eligibility Specialists \(SOP\)](#)
- [SAVE Verification Guide](#)
- [Immigration Code Lookup Tool](#)
- [Guide to Using Noncitizen Documents for SAVE Requests](#)
- [Guide to Selected US Travel and Identity Documents](#)
- [SAVE Case Verification Customer Service](#)
- The [SAVE website](#) contains many useful resources which can be located by logging in and selecting “Resources” from the “Help” dropdown menu at the top of the Home page. Several important resources can be found here including:
 - Class of Admission (COA) Tables
 - Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Codes
 - Guide to SAVE Verification Responses
 - SAVE Training Slide Deck