

Periodic Redeterminations; SNAP

In the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Department selects the *certification period* (see OAR [461-001-0000](#)) and the redetermination date based on the individual's circumstances and according to the following considerations:

- (1) The length of the *certification period* depends on how far in advance the circumstances affecting the group's eligibility can be predicted but may not exceed 12 months except as outlined in sections (2) and (4) of this rule.
- (2) The *certification period* may be extended beyond 12 months in each of the following situations:
 - (a) To the end of the Transitional Benefit Alternative (TBA) period if the individual becomes eligible for transitional benefits (see OAR [461-135-0506](#)). If eligibility for TBA ends early, the *certification period* is changed to end on the last day of the month.
 - (b) To include the month after the individual finishes working under a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) Plus Agreement. If the agreement ends early, the *certification period* is changed to end on the original recertification date or on the last day of the month following the month in which the JOBS Plus agreement ends, whichever is later.
- (3) A *certification period* of less than 12 months may be extended before the *certification period* ends, not to exceed 12 months, in each of the following situations:
 - (a) A one- or two-month *certification period* for expedited services when pending information is received, and eligibility and benefit level is determined based on the new information.
 - (b) An application or a change report form is received and eligibility is reviewed.

- (c) The report system changes from Change Reporting System (CRS) to Simplified Reporting System (SRS).
- (4) A *certification period* of 24 months may be assigned for a *filing group* (see OAR [461-110-0370](#)) that meets the following criteria:
 - (a) All *adult* (see OAR [461-001-0015](#)) members are *elderly* or have a *disability* (see OAR [461-001-0015](#));
 - (b) The case is placed in SRS; and
 - (c) The *filing group* does not receive any earned income.
 - (5) Any *filing group* with a 24-month *certification period* that no longer meets the requirements of subsection (4)(a) will have their *certification period* closed and the department will send the *filing group* a *timely decision notice* (See OAR [461-001-0000](#)). The *filing group* may reapply for benefits.
 - (6) For each *benefit group* (see OAR [461-110-0750](#)) in which all members are included in a cash or medical program, eligibility for SNAP and the other program benefits is determined at the same time when practicable.
 - (7) An individual remains eligible for and continues to receive SNAP benefits on the normal issuance cycle if the application for recertification is filed with the Department and all required verification has been received by the Department:
 - (a) Not later than the 15th day of the month in which the certification expires; or
 - (b) In the case of a *benefit group* whose *certification period* is shorter than two months, not later than the 15th day after the Department provides notice that the *certification period* will expire.

- (8) An individual who files an application for recertification is eligible for a SNAP allotment without proration only if the *filing date* (see OAR [461-115-0040](#)) is before the prior *certification period* expires and:
- (a) The required interview is completed, and the Department receives the required verification, within 30 days after the individual files the application for recertification; or
 - (b) The interview or verification required by this rule would have occurred timely but for a delay caused by the Department.
- (9) The Department must deny the application for recertification in the event an individual files a timely application for recertification but either fails to appear for a scheduled interview or fails to timely submit required verification.
- (10) If an individual fails to file an application for recertification during a *certification period*, but files an application within 30 days after the end of their *certification period*, the application is considered an application for recertification and the following provisions apply:
- (a) SNAP benefits for the first month of the new *certification period* are prorated in accordance with OAR [461-180-0080](#).
 - (b) When an application for recertification is delayed beyond the first of the month of what would have been the new *certification period* due to the fault of the Department, causing prorated benefits, benefits lost to proration shall be restored in accordance with benefit restoration OARs division 461-165.
- (11) Except as required in section (5) of this rule, once assigned, the *certification period* may not be shortened.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS [409.050](#), [411.816](#)

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS [409.010](#), [411.816](#), [411.825](#), [7 CFR 273.14\(e\)\(3\)](#)

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