

# Verification

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Verification is the confirmation of eligibility for free and reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) must obtain documentation from households or other approved sources in order to verify the accuracy of the information provided on the eligibility application for free or reduced-price meals (application).

Annually, LEAs are required to conduct verification on a sample of completed applications. Beyond the annual verification process, LEAs also have an obligation to verify all questionable applications. This process is known as Verification for Cause and may occur at any time during the year.

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For more information on Verification see the [Quick Reference Guide to Verification](#).

After you have reviewed the information contained in the Quick Reference Guide, try the [Apply Your Knowledge](#) self-check.

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The School Nutrition Primer can be utilized by food service directors and administrators as a Professional Standards training resource. Reviewing the **Quick Reference Guides** with staff and administering the **Apply Your Knowledge** self-check quiz may count for 15 minute training.

The training topic Verification provides the following Professional Standards:

**Key Area:** Administration (3000)

**Key Topic:** Free and Reduced-price Meal Benefits (3100)

**Learning Objective:** Verification of Meal Benefits (3110)

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