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NEW! 2025-2026 Income Eligibility Guidelines

- Effective July 1, 2025
- Posted on SquareMeals IEG page: <u>https://squaremeals.org/FandN-Resources/Income-Eligibility-Guidelines</u>
- Posted on NSLP Administration/Forms page:
 https://squaremeals.org/Portals/8/FND%20Forms/Program%20Forms/IEG Chart 25 26 NSLP SBP 250317.pdf
- NOTE: Application Instructions will be updated late May



Household Application and Related Letters

- Not updated unless substantive changes are required (May 31, 2024 English versions and August 27, 2024 Spanish versions are current and can be used for SY 2025-2026)
- Only the Application Instructions will be updated annually to reflect updated IEGs.
- Any releases will be announced in the newsletters, Policy/ARM page, and monthly webinars.



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