

**WAC 246-790-510 Participant certification requirements.** (1) To be eligible for the WIC program, at the time of application an applicant must:

(a) Be a pregnant woman, a breastfeeding woman up to one year after delivery, postpartum woman through six months after delivery, an infant up to one year of age, or a child from age one through the end of the month he or she turns five years of age;

(b) Reside within the state of Washington;

(c) Meet the department's income eligibility criteria as described in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 246.7; and

(d) Be at nutritional risk as defined by the department.

(2) At the time of enrolling in the WIC program, the applicant must:

(a) Provide truthful and accurate information to WIC agency staff;

(b) Present proof of residency, identity, and income; and

(c) Review and sign the department's "Rights and Responsibility" form acknowledging that the applicant has read and agrees to the rules governing WIC participants.

(3) WIC participants may participate in only one WIC clinic at a time.

(4) The department may remove a participant from the WIC program if the WIC participant no longer meets the WIC eligibility requirements.

(5) A WIC participant is eligible to receive farmers' market nutrition program (FMNP) food instruments if the participant meets all of the following eligibility criteria on the date the food instrument is issued:

(a) The WIC participant is currently receiving WIC pursuant to 7 C.F.R. Sec. 246 and this chapter.

(b) The WIC participant belongs to eligible WIC categories described in 7 C.F.R. Sec. 246.7 with the exception that the child must be one year of age or older.

(6) WIC participants must notify the department of any changes in status including, but not limited to, change in household income; change in eligibility status in an adjunct eligibility program, including basic food program, temporary assistance to needy families (TANF), food distribution program to Indian reservations (FDPIR), or medical assistance program; change of number in household; or change in breastfeeding status.

(7) The department will notify WIC participants of their program rights and responsibilities, program rules, and that there are sanctions should they deliberately violate a program rule.

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