

WAC 388-489-0005 Who is eligible for transitional food assistance? You are eligible for transitional food assistance (TFA) for up to five months if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

(1) Your family stops receiving cash assistance to include temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), tribal TANF, or state family assistance (SFA), or:

(2) Your family receives (TCA);

(3) Your family was receiving basic food at the time we determined you were no longer eligible for cash assistance described in subsection (1) of this section, or when you received TCA;

(4) After your family stops receiving cash assistance described in subsection (1) of this section, or receives TCA, no other member of your basic food assistance unit receives TANF, tribal TANF, or SFA;

(5) Your family did not move out of the state of Washington as described in WAC 388-468-0005;

(6) At the time your family's cash assistance ended, your family was not in sanction status. Sanction status means:

(a) We reduced your family's TANF grant payment because a family member is not cooperating with the division of child support (WAC 388-422-0010); or

(b) We decided that a member of your family was not eligible for TANF because the member:

(i) Failed to meet teen parent living arrangement (WAC 388-486-0005) or teen parent school attendance requirements (WAC 388-410-0010); or

(ii) Was convicted of unlawful practices (WAC 388-446-0005) or for receiving TANF in two or more states at the same time (WAC 388-446-0010); or

(c) We stopped your family's TANF grant payment, including tribal TANF, because of a grant reduction sanction penalty (WAC 388-310-1600).

(7) At the time your family's TANF grant ended, your basic food assistance unit did not become ineligible because:

(a) You were applying for recertification of your basic food benefits and refused to cooperate with the application process; or

(b) All members of your assistance unit are ineligible for basic food for the reasons stated in WAC 388-489-0025(3).

(8) There is no limit to the number of times your family can receive TFA.

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