

**WAC 388-492-0070 How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?**

We calculate your Washington state combined application project (WASHCAP) food benefits as follows:

- (1) We begin with your gross income.
- (2) We subtract the current standard deduction for one person under WAC 388-450-0185 from your gross income to get your countable income.
- (3) We figure your shelter cost based on information we receive from the Social Security Administration (SSA) unless you report a change as described under WAC 388-492-0080.
  - (a) If you pay more than three hundred twenty dollars a month for shelter, we use four hundred twenty-five dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (b) If you pay three hundred twenty dollars or less a month for shelter, we use two hundred ten dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (c) We add the current standard utility allowance under WAC 388-450-0195 to the shelter cost we use under either (a) or (b) of this subsection to determine your total shelter cost.
- (4) We figure your shelter deduction by subtracting one half of your countable income from your total shelter cost under subsection (3)(c) of this section.
- (5) We figure your net income by subtracting your shelter deduction from your countable income and rounding the resulting figure up from fifty cents and down from forty-nine cents to the nearest whole dollar.
  - (a) We figure your WASHCAP food benefits (allotment) by:
    - (a) Multiplying your net income by thirty percent and rounding up to the next whole dollar; and
    - (b) Subtracting the result from the maximum allotment under WAC 388-478-0060.
- (7) If you are eligible for WASHCAP, you will get at least the minimum monthly benefit for basic food under WAC 388-412-0015.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090 and 7 C.F.R. § 282.1. WSR 19-03-023, § 388-492-0070, filed 1/4/19, effective 2/4/19; WSR 17-24-008, § 388-492-0070, filed 11/27/17, effective 1/1/18; WSR 17-13-019, § 388-492-0070, filed 6/12/17, effective 7/13/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 282.1 and 273.1(a). WSR 16-24-034, § 388-492-0070, filed 11/30/16, effective 12/31/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and USDA, FNS, per SNAP Administrative Notice 13-26, SNAP - FY 2014 COLAS and ARRA Sunset Impact on Allotments dated August 2, 2013, and USDA SNAP 10-6-WA-SUA dated August 8, 2013, approving the proposed SUA. WSR 14-04-050, § 388-492-0070, filed 1/27/14, effective 2/27/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. § 273.23. WSR 11-13-028, § 388-492-0070, filed 6/7/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.08.090, 74.08A.903, and 7 C.F.R. 273.23. WSR 10-23-115, § 388-492-0070, filed 11/17/10, effective 12/18/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 273.9. WSR 09-24-001, § 388-492-0070, filed 11/18/09, effective 12/19/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 09-12-068, § 388-492-0070, filed 5/29/09, effective 7/1/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 273.9. WSR

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