

04 Food Stamp Categorical Eligibility – Overview

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When a budgetary unit is FS categorically eligible, all participants that are included and eligible to receive FS in the budgetary unit are categorically eligible.

Categorically eligible budgetary units include either of the following:

- Basic categorically eligible participants
- Expanded categorically eligible participants

AZTECS displays the indicated FS Case Type Code in the HH TYPE field in the following situations:

- BCE, when the CA budgetary unit fails the gross and net income test, and is determined to be an FS [Basic categorical eligibility](#) case.

NOTE BC displays in the TYPE field on **CAP2**.

- ECE, when the FS budgetary unit fails the resource or net test, but passes the gross income test, and is determined to be an FS [Expanded categorical eligibility](#) case.

NOTE EC displays in the TYPE field on CAP2.

A budgetary unit is not categorically eligible (Basic or Expanded) when any of the [FS Categorical Eligible Exceptions](#) apply.

Policy and procedures regarding FS categorical eligibility are outlined as follows:

- [Basic Categorical Eligibility](#)
- [Expanded Categorical Eligibility](#)
- [Resources of Categorically Eligible Participants](#)
- [Categorical Eligibility Benefit Calculation](#)
- [Food Stamp Categorical Eligibility Exceptions](#)
- [No Pay Status](#)
- [Categorical Eligibility Verification](#)
- [Changes in Categorical Eligibility](#)