

A Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

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Refugees must be screened and determined ineligible for CA before they can be considered for the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) program. When a budgetary unit which includes a refugee is determined eligible for CA, they cannot be placed in the RCA program.

When qualified noncitizen refugees are eligible for CA:

- Key EA in the CI field on IDCI.
- Follow policy and keying procedures for CA cases.

When qualified noncitizen refugees are ineligible for CA but eligible for RCA Key RE in the CI field on IDCI.

WARNING

Complete the eligibility determination as soon as possible, but no later than 30 calendar days from the date FAA receives the application.

When a refugee has an urgent need for Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), the worker must process the application as quickly as possible and issue an emergency payment using [prudent person concept](#).

A separate application must be completed for each RCA budgetary unit, regardless of the number of budgetary units living in the same residence. At RCA approval, the first day of eligibility for the refugee is the date of application.

RCA budgetary units are [Basic categorically eligible](#) for NA.

Policy and procedures regarding RCA are outlined as follows:

- [RCA Noncitizen Requirements](#)
- [RCA Agency Contact](#)
- [RCA Documentation and Processing](#)
- [RCA Program Selection Requirements](#)
- [RCA Work Program Requirement](#)
- Disqualification for Noncompliance with Work Program Requirements (See [RCA Work Program Noncompliance](#))
- Disqualification for Noncompliance with DCSS (See [RCA DCSS Noncompliance](#))