

B Categorical Eligibility Application Process

When a CA or GA application is pending, apply the following policy:

- Do not consider a FS budgetary unit categorically eligible until the CA or GA application is approved
- A budgetary unit may be ineligible based on [FS income criteria](#) or resource criteria. Hold the application until one of the following dates, whichever is earlier:
 - The 30th day after the date of the application.
 - The eligibility decision is made on the CA or GA application.
- A budgetary unit may be ineligible based on FS income or resource criteria. When the CA or GA application is approved before the [30-day processing deadline](#), the budgetary unit is categorically eligible for FS.
- Consider the budgetary unit eligible for FS from the later of the following dates:
 - The FS application date.
 - The date of CA or GA eligibility. Consider the date of CA or GA eligibility to be one of the following:
 - The date of application for the CA or GA when eligible that month. This is true even when CA benefits are less than \$10 and not paid for that month.
 - The first day of the month following the month of application. This occurs when the budgetary unit is ineligible for CA or GA in the month of application, but eligible the following month.
- A budgetary unit may be ineligible based on the FS income and resource criteria. When the CA or GA application is not approved before the 30-day processing deadline, deny the FS application.

When the CA or GA application is subsequently approved, complete the following:

- Reactivate the denied FS application regardless of whether more than 60 days has passed since the application date.
- Do not require the budgetary unit to complete a second interview.

- Verify changes in circumstances from when the application was originally filed by phone or mail.
- Ensure that the following are completed by the PI or an [FS representative](#):
Changes on the application are initialed.
The application is resigned and redated.
- Approve the FS effective the later of the two following dates:
The date of CA or GA eligibility.
The date of the FS application.
- When an FS application can be approved based on FS income and resource criteria, DO NOT delay the determination. This is true even when anticipating that the CA or GA application will be approved.
- When the CA or GA is subsequently approved, flag the case file as FS categorically eligible and code all resources CE at the time of CA or GA approval. This ensures that categorical eligibility policies are used when changes occur.
- When an SSI application is pending, apply the previously listed policies except as noted below:
Reactivate a denied FS application ONLY in the following circumstances:
When requested by the applicant.
When otherwise learning that the SSI is approved an [elderly-disabled applicant](#) may be eligible for additional benefits for a prior month due to eligibility for an [excess medical deduction](#).
- A budgetary unit may be determined ineligible for CA or SSI in any month. When this happens, the budgetary unit cannot receive FS under categorical eligibility. Determine their eligibility based on nonpublic assistance FS requirements.

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