

DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE – Certification Unit

### **INFORMATION SHEET**

CASE NAME:								
CASE NUMBER:								
CONTACT NUMBERS: Home: Cell:								
E-MAIL ADDRESS:								
PLEASE SIGN & DATE WHERE APPLICABLE AND RETURN CERTIFICATION OFFICE!!	THE ATTACHED FORMS OF THIS PACKET TO THE							
<ol> <li>QUESTIONNAIRE</li> <li>CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW FOR</li> <li>COMBINED APPLICATION FORM – PART I (CAI)</li> </ol>								
DO NOT submit any ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS!! DHS/DFA Please check ~ off below the copy of the co	will NOT be responsible for any original documents!! he document(s) that you have included.							
Birth Certificate	Authorized Representative Form							
Immigration/Naturalization         Papers         Identification Cards         Utility Bills         Rental Lease, Mortgage         Statement	<ul> <li>Child Care Expenses Receipt or Statement</li> <li>Medical Disability Certificate</li> <li>Other (Please list below)</li> </ul>							
Medical Bills, Receipts, and Statements								
Pay Stubs, Income Statement from Employer, Self-employment Income, Job Separation Letter								
Financial Contributions Statement								
Social Security Award Letter, Veterans Benefit Award Letter, Child Support, Alimony, Unemployment, and Retirement Statement								



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### QUESTIONNAIRE

# *Please answer the following questions. Your answers will help the Eligibility Worker understand your household circumstances.*

### Household Composition

Virgin Islands or elsewhere?

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Did any member of your SNAP/CASH household leave, is temporarily away, or has died? Did any member of your SNAP/CASH household have a newborn baby, or any person(s) moved in	()YES NO() ? ()YES NO()
Employment Income	
Did you or any member of your SNAP/CASH household become employed, quit working, got laid off, started working less or more hours, changed jobs, had a change in wages, started a business or is now self-employed?	()YES NO()
Benefits or other Income	
Did you or any member of your SNAP/CASH household received or started receiving any benefits or other income such as, child support, alimony, rental income, odd jobs, or monies from anyone to help meet your household's personal needs or to pay any of the household bills?	( ) YES NO ( )
Lottery and Gambling Winnings	
Did you or any member of your SNAP/CASH household had winnings from lottery or gambling of <b>\$4,500.00</b> or more in a single game before taxes or other withholding?	() YES NO()
Resources	
Do you or any member of your SNAP household, who has been disqualified, because of an intentional program violation or noncompliance with the SNAP work requirement, own or jointly own any resources such as, but not limited to a savings or checking account, Christmas Club,	
vehicle(s), property or land or other assets in the Virgin Islands or elsewhere?	( ) YES NO ( )
CASH Households	
Do you or any member of your CASH household own or jointly own any resources such as, but not	
to, a savings or checking account, Christmas Club, vehicle(s), property, or land or other assets in t	

( ) YESNO ( )

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### **CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW**

Case Number:	Case Name:		
	LAST	FIRST	
Worker's Name			

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL ANSWERS I WILL PROVIDE DURING THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WILL BE CORRECT AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITIZENSHIP OR ALIEN STATUS OF EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTS TO VERIFY WHAT I HAVE SAID.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP/CASH) MAY CONTACT OTHER PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION NEEDED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF MY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, THE USDA NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT, PENALTY WARNING, PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT, AND APPEAL RIGHTS FORMS.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR HOUSEHOLD REPRESENTATIVE DATE

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### CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW (For DFA Office Use Only) DO NOT COMPLETE THIS PAGE

Case Number:	Case Name:		
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Interview Date:			

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT A TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE CONSEQUENCES AND PENALTIES, SHOULD THE ANSWERS/RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONS PROVE TO BE INACCURATE, WERE FULLY EXPLAINED TO THE APPLICANT AND/OR HOUSEHOLD REPRESENTATIVE.

Worker's Name:

Worker's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Virgin	Islands of the United St	tates Rev. 12/2024	Case Number:
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<sup>**</sup> <sup>*</sup> <sup>*</sup> Please read	entire application, con	plete, and sign on page	• 4.
Check which one applies	NEW APPLICA		
provide and to act on your application within 30 give us this application and any required verific application. You can apply for and get SNAP/C	days unless you qualified for SNAP right awa ation, the quicker you will know whether you ai ASH benefits for eligible household member(s)	y. If you qualify to get SNAP benefits right aware eligible to receive SNAP/CASH benefits. If y even if you are not eligible for benefits because	ation and give it to us today. We are required to verify the information you ay, we are required to act on your application within 7 days. So, the sooner you you are eligible, benefits will be provided back to the date you filed your se of immigration status. For example, ineligible alien parent can apply for adds to be verified and the items to bring for your interview.
<ul> <li>Monthly rent/mortgage and utilities a</li> <li>You or a household member is a mi</li> <li>The Certification Office will so application.</li> </ul>	3150 and your household's resources, s are more than your household's gross r	nonthly income, & liquid resources; or	
PRIN	IT NAME LEGIBLY BELC	)W:	Answering the questions below will help us
Last	First	Middle	determine if your application must be processed within 7 days for SNAP.
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DO YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT?	DO YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE?	ARE YOU A BOARDER?	<ol> <li>How many people live in your home and eat with you? (Include yourself)</li> </ol>
CHECK ONE V Yes No	CHECK ONE 🗸 🗌 Yes 🗌 No		2. How much is your monthly rent or mortgage? \$
Physical Address where you live Address line 1:			3. How much are your monthly utilities? \$
City	State	Zip	4. Did all your household income recently stop?
Mailing Address where you recei Address line 1:			CHECK ONE 🗸 🗌 Yes 🔲 No 🛛 If yes, when?
City	State	Zip	5. What is the total income you expect your household to
Phone number and e-mail addres	s where you can be reached		6. How much does your household (Including children) have in
Home:	Cell:		cash, checking or savings? (Give best total estimate) \$
Email:			<ol> <li>Is anyone in your household a migrant or seasonal</li> </ol>
Do you wish to receive Program text me [Cell phone data charges apply]	essages to your cell phone? CHECK	DNE ✓ ☐ Yes ☐ No	farmworker? CHECK ONE 🗸 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
Application and information can be submitte shown below.	ed in person (drop box), by mail, email, or t	8. If anyone in your household was a migrant or seasonal farmworker at any time during the current migration season,	
ST. CROIX, VI Department of Human Services Certification Office 4102 Mars Hill Frederiksted, VI 00840-3376 Ph. (340) 772-7100, Ext. 7159, 7072 Fax. (340) 772-9591 E-Mail: <u>certoffice.stx@dhs.vi.gov</u>	ST. THOMAS/WATER ISLAND, VI Department of Human Services Certification Office 1303 Hospital Ground, Ste. 1 St. Thomas, VI 00802-6722 Ph.(340) 774-0930 or (340) 774-2399 Fax. (340) 777-5449 E-Mail: certoffice.stt@dhs.vi.gov	ST. JOHN, VI Department of Human Services Certification Office Multi-Purpose Building 307 Enighed Contant Cruz Bay, St. John, VI 00830 Ph. (340) 776-6334 Fax. (340) 777-5449	was your household approved for a postponement of verification requirements? If yes, when, and where? CHECK ONE ✓ Yes No
		E-Mail: certoffice.stt@dhs.vi.gov	of person screening for Expedited Service

**COMBINED APPLICATION – PART I** 

Has anyone listed on this application re-	r anytime in the past? CHECK ONE 🗸	🗌 Ye	s 🗌	No		
f yes, When?	Where?	Programs:				
Date	City	State	SNAP/CASH			

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE MANDATORY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS, IF LIVING WITH YOU.

1. Spouse.

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- 2. Natural, adopted, and stepchildren under the age of 22 years or other minor(s) who live with you and under the age of 18, and is under your parental control and is financially or otherwise dependent on a member of the household.
- 3. Household (HH) members who purchase and prepare meals together with your household.

	List yourself as person #1. List spouse as person #2 – if applicable. List all of the other persons in your home even if you are not applying for them.																		
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Fι	ull Legal Name (inclu	ding initial). Lis	t you	rse	elf first. List eve	erybody w	ho lives	with you	u even i			not aj	oplyir	ıg.					
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If "Yes" list, the name(s).\_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you or any member in your household been convicted as an adult of aggravated sexual, abuse, murder, sexual exploitation, and other abuse of children, a Federal or State offence involving sexual assault or an offence under State law determined by the Attorney General to be substantially similar to such an offence after February 7, 2014?

1. Are you or anyone in your household a fleeing felon or a parole or probation violator, or is not in compliance with the terms of your sentence? CHECK ONE ✓ Yes 🗍 No 🗍

CHECK ONE 🗸 Yes 🗌 No 🗍

If "Yes" list, the name(s).

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#### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

**NOTE:** If you sign this application as an Authorized Representative of a person who is requesting or receiving assistance, you agree to assume all the following responsibilities on behalf of that person.

- 1. When you apply for SNAP/CASH benefits, you sign an application that states: "I understand the questions on this application and the penalty for hiding or giving false information or breaking any of the rules listed in the penalty warning. The information given on the application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 2. I understand that I may have to provide documents to prove what I have said. I agree to do this. If documents are not available, I agree to give the name of a person or organization the Division of Family Assistance Office may contact to obtain the necessary proof."
- 3. This means that you are aware that the State's attorney can prosecute you if you or your authorized representative has given false information to get SNAP/CASH benefits. It is therefore IMPORTANT for you to answer each question TRUTHFULLY and CORRECTLY.
- 4. If your household is assigned to <u>Simplified Reporting</u>, you must let the SNAP Certification Office know when your SNAP household's monthly income exceeds the monthly income allowed for your household size. You must report this change by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month the household income exceed.
- 5. You must report all changes associated to your cash case by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month when the change occurred
- 6. You must report if your household received lottery or gambling winnings of **\$4,500** or more, won in a single game before taxes or other withholding, this change must be reported by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month the winnings occurred.
- 7. I understand that if my application is for SNAP, failure to report or verify any of my expenses will be seen as a statement by my household that I do not want to receive a deduction for unreported expenses.
- 8. You are authorized to receive "The Smart Family Brochure." This brochure provides information on families making good decisions.
- 9. The State or Federal Quality Control Agency may randomly choose your case for review. They will review statements you have made on your application. They will check to see if we determined your eligibility correct. The State Agency may seek information from other sources. The State or Federal Quality Control Agency will tell you about any contact they intend to make. IF YOU DO NOT COOPERATE, YOUR BENEFITS MAY STOP.
- 10. CONTACT YOUR WORKER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY REPORTING RULES.

#### **PENALTY WARNING**

If any information you give is found to be incorrect, you may be denied SNAP/CASH benefits. If you give us false information on purpose legal action may be taken against you. You may also have to pay back the amount of benefits that you should not have received.

If you get SNAP/CASH, you must follow the rules listed below. Any member of your household who is found guilty by a court or an administrative disqualification hearing of breaking any of the following rules or who signs a voluntary disqualification consent agreement or waiver of an administration disqualification hearing will be barred from getting SNAP benefits for: one year for the first violation, two years for the second violation, and permanently for the third violation.

- DO NOT give false, incorrect or incomplete information or hide information to get or continue to get SNAP or CASH Assistance
- DO NOT trade, sell, or alter your EBT card.
- DO NOT use SNAP benefits to buy ineligible items, such as alcohol drinks and tobacco.
- DO NOT use someone else's EBT card for your household.
- DO NOT use your EBT card to purchase food on credit.
- DO NOT attempt to buy or sell your SNAP benefit.

Any household member found guilty by a court of using SNAP benefits to buy controlled substances will be disqualified for: 24 months for the first violation; and permanently for the second violation.

Any member who is found guilty by a court of using SNAP benefits to buy firearms, ammunition, or explosives will be permanently disqualified from SNAP on the first instance.

Any household member convicted by a court of having trafficked SNAP benefits for an aggregate amount of \$500 or more shall be permanently disqualified from SNAP upon the first occasion of such violation.

Any household member found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the identity or place of residence of the individual in order to receive multiple SNAP benefits simultaneously shall be ineligible to participate in SNAP for a period of 10 years.

Any household member fleeing to avoid prosecution, custody, or confinement after conviction for a felony, or attempted felony, or violating a condition of probation or parole will be ineligible until the situation is rectified.

Any person found guilty of violating these rules or committing fraud may be fined up to \$250,000, jailed up to 20 years and/or required to repay SNAP benefits.

You can also be barred from the TANF Program for the same period for fraud and the same maximum penalties apply.

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### DECLARATION

- 1. I understand the questions on this application form and the penalty for hiding or giving false information or breaking any of the rules listed in the penalty warning.
- 2. I understand and agree to provide documents to prove what I have said.
- 3. I understand and agree that the Certification Office may contact other persons or organizations to obtain the necessary proof of my eligibility and level of benefits.
- 4. I understand that information through IEVS will be requested, and such information may affect my household's eligibility and level of benefits.
- 5. I understand that if my household receives more SNAP/CASH Assistance than it is entitled to receive, all adult household members are jointly and individually liable for the repayment of the over-issued benefits. This is true whether or not the household was at fault.
- 6. I understand that the immigration status of any household member may be subject to verification by United State Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and that the submitted information received from USCIS may affect the household's eligibility and level of benefits.

### SNAP WORK REQUIREMENTS SANCTIONS:

- 1. I understand that failure to comply with the SNAP work requirement will result in the disqualification of one (1) month for the first violation three (3) months for the second violation and six (6) months for the third or subsequent.
- 2. I understand that the entire household will be disqualified if the Head of the Household fails to comply with the work requirements.
- 3. I understand that I am prohibited from receiving an increase in SNAP benefits when my household's income is reduced because of a penalty imposed under a Federal, State or Local mean-tested Public Assistance Program.
- 4. I understand that I or any household member will become ineligible if, without good cause, (i) refuse to provide sufficient information to allow a determination of employment status or job availability; (ii) reduce the numbers of hours you work if, after reduction, you are employed less than 30 hours per week; (iii) voluntarily and without good cause quit a job of 30 hours or more.
- 5. I attest that I received "The Smart Family Brochure".
- 6. I understand that by signing this application, I consent to an investigation to verify or confirm the information I have provided.

**PENALTY OF PERJURY:** I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information given on this application is true, complete, are correct to the best of my knowledge, including information I have given regarding the felony conviction of certain crimes and the U.S. citizenship or immigration status of all household members.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSENT: I hereby consent and give permission to the VI Department of Human Services (VIDHS) to obtain, disclose, and verify information concerning my household to and from other Federal and Local entities, which is necessary for the determination of eligibility to receive benefits or services from the VIDHS. This authorization includes but is not limited to, investigation and verification of banking information, housing, other sources of income, employment information and any other necessary information to be used for the determination of eligibility to receive benefits or services from the VIDHS.

Applicant/Authorized Rep.: Please read Rights and Responsibilities attached to this application, BEFORE signing. Please sign application.									
Print Name:	Print Worker Name:								
Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative: Date:	Worker Signature:	Date:							
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