

DIVISION OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE – Certification Unit

INFORMATION SHEET

CASE NAME: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

CONTACT NUMBERS: Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE <u>SIGN & DATE WHERE APPLICABLE AND RETURN</u> THE ATTACHED FORMS OF THIS PACKET TO THE CERTIFICATION OFFICE!!

- 1. QUESTIONNAIRE
- 2. CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW FORM
- 3. COMBINED APPLICATION FORM PART I (CAF1)

DO NOT submit any ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS!! DHS/DFA will NOT be responsible for any original documents!!

Please check \checkmark off below the <u>COPY</u> of the document(s) that you have included.

Birth Certificate		Authorized Representative Form
Immigration/Naturalization Papers		Child Care Expenses Receipt or Statement
Identification Cards		Medical Disability Certificate
Utility Bills	OTH	ER DOCUMENS: Please list in spaces below
Rental Lease, Mortgage Statement		
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		
CASE NAME: Last First CASE NUMBER:		
Please answer all the following questions. Your answers will help the Eligibility Sp understand your household circumstances.	ecialist (Cas	eworker)
Household Composition	CHECK WHICH	H APPLIES 🗸
Did any member of your SNAP/CASH household leave, is temporarily away, or has died?	Yes	No
If yes, list the name(s) here.		
Did any member of your SNAP/CASH household have a newborn baby, or any person(s) moved in?	Yes	No
If yes, list full name(s), Social Security Number(s), date(s) of birth, gender, relationship to yo language, citizenship on page 2 of the application <i>(see over)</i>	ou, race, ethni	city,
Employment Income	CHECK WHICH	H APPLIES 🗸
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
Circle the change above and list the effective date, work hours changed, etc.		
Benefits or other Income	CHECK WHICH	H APPLIES 🗸
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	Yes	
monies from anyone to help meet your household's personal needs or to pay any of the household bills?		-
Circle the change above and list the effective date, and \$\$ amount of the change.		
Lottery and Gambling Winnings	CHECK WHICH	H APPLIES 🗸
Did you or any member of your SNAP/CASH household have winnings from lottery or gambling of \$4,500.00 or more in a single game before taxes or other withholding?	Yes	No
If yes, how much? List in the space over.	\$	
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Resources	CHECK WHICH	A APPLIES 🗸
Do you or any member of your SNAP household, <u>who has been disqualified, because of</u> 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
If yes, how much or what is the value. List in the space over.	\$	
CASH Households	CHECK WHICH	H APPLIES 🗸
Do you or any member of your CASH household 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
If yes, circle the item above. What is the amount or value? List in the space over.	\$	
SIGN AND DATE BELOW		
Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative	Date MM/I	DD/YYYY



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CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW						
Case Number	Case Name	LAST	FIRST			
Case Worker's Name						

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

I CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION EXPLAINED AND ASKED OR ME CONTAINED IN THE AUTOMATED PORTION OF THE APPLICATION (PAPI); AND I ALSO 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.

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.

YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE MAY REQUEST A FAIR HEARING EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING IF YOU DISAGREE WITH ANY ACTION TAKEN ON YOUR CASE. YOU MAY CHOOSE ANYONE YOU LIKE TO PRESENT YOUR CASE AT THE HEARING.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR HOUSEHOLD REPRESENTATIVE	DATE MM/DD/YYYY



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CERTIFICATION TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

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Case Number		Interview Date	MM/DD/YYYY
Case Name	LAST	FIRST	

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.

Caseworker's Name	Caseworker's Signature

Virgin	Islands of the United St	tates Page 1 Rev. 4/2025	Case Number:	
COMBII	nental Nutrition Assistance NED APPLICATION – PART I applications without regard to	race, color, national origin, sex	, age, or disability.	Program(s) Applying For Check which applies ✓
Check which one applies You can begin to apply for SNAP/CASH benefit provide and to act on your application within 30		TION RECERTIFI	CATION Ation and give it to us today. We	
you give us this application and any required version application. You can apply for and get SNAP/C SNAP/CASH benefits for her/his children and results are shown as the statement of the stateme	ASH benefits for eligible household member(s)	even if you are not eligible for benefits becau	se of immigration status. For exa	ample, ineligible alien parent can apply for ns to bring for your interview.
 Monthly rent/mortgage and utilities a You or a household member is a mi The Certification Office will so application. You may request a face-to-face 	5150 and your household's resources, s are more than your household's gross r grant or seasonal farmworker. chedule an interview at which time the re interview or a telephone interview.	such as cash or checking/savings acco nonthly income, & liquid resources; or e Eligibility Worker will assist you in o		DFA Stamp Date Received
PRIN'	First	OW: Middle	us determine i	e questions below will help f your application must be vithin 7 days for SNAP.
DO YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT? CHECK ONE ~ Yes No Physical Address where you live Address line 1:	DO YOU LIVE IN A HOUSE? CHECK ONE ✓ Yes No	ARE YOU A BOARDER?	 How many people live (Include yourself) How much is your mo How much are your m 	n your home and eat with you?
City Mailing Address where you recei Address line 1: City	ve mail:	Zip		I income recently stop?
Phone number and e-mail addres Home:	s where you can be reached		 receive this month? \$ 6. How much does your cash, checking or savi (Give best total estimation) 	
Email: Do you wish to receive Program text m [Cell phone data charges apply] Application & information can be submitted in pe	essages to your cell phone? CHECK		farmworker? CHECK ONE ✓ Yes	
ST. CROIX, VI Department of Human Services Certification Office 4102 Mars Hill Frederiksted, VI 00840-3376 Ph. (340) 772-7100, Ext. 7159, 7072 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 E-Mail: <u>certoffice.stt@dhs.vi.gov</u> 776	ST. JOHN, VI Department of Human Services Certification Office Multi-Purpose Building 307 Enighed Contant Cruz Bay, St. John, VI 00830 Ph. (340) 774-6334 Ph. (340) 774-0930 Ext. 4275 Ph. (340) 725-6221 E-Mail: certoffice.stt@dhs.vi.gov	farmworker at any tim was your household a verification requireme CHECK ONE ✓ □ Yes	On Unit only!! DATE

Case Number:		NFORMAT	ION	CO	MBINED	APPLIC	ATIO	N — P/	ART I
Has anyone listed on this application received SNA If yes, When? Where?		irgin Islands or elsewhe	re this month or a Programs:			CK ONE 🗸	Y Y	es 🗌	No
Date	City	State		S	NAP/CASH				
 THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE MANDATORY He Spouse. Natural, adopted, and stepchildren under the otherwise dependent on a member of the ho Household (HH) members who purchase an List yourself as person #1. List spouse 	e age of 22 years or other n busehold. Ind prepare meals together w	ninor(s) who live with y			_				
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Full Legal Name (including initial). List				en if they	are not ap	plying.			
	E M SDCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) SSN is not required for individuals not applying for benefits (but who are included as members of the HH)		OFNOED.	United States Citizenship	Do you buy/ or prepare food with this person? Y(Yes) or N(No)	ETHNICITY Hispanic or Latino Y(Yes) or N(No)	Please self or more fro race catego the ass	RACE ect/indicate om the follov ories by mar sociated box fined Above	wing 39 rking 3947 . 3947
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Criminal History Inquiry: Please answer the following	questions for yourself and a	anyone else for whom y	ou are applying.	If you answe	er "Yes", list the	e name of th	e person(s) to wh	om the
"Yes" answer applies. 1. Are you or anyone in your household a fleeing felc	on or a parole or probation	violator, or is not in com	pliance with the t	erms of your	sentence? C	HECK ONE	✓ Yes	Nc	
If "Yes" list, the name(s)									
 Have you or any member in your household been offence involving sexual assault or an offence und 				similar to su		after Februa	ary 7, 2014		ate
If "Yes" list, the name(s)									
3. Are you or is anyone living with you a Veteran? CHECK	(ONE ✓ Yes No ∐lfy	/es, who?							

Case Number:

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 10th day of the following month the household income exceed.
- 5. You must report all changes associated to your cash case by the 10th 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 10th 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.
- The State or Federal Quality Control Unit 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 correctly. 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.

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

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If you are age 16-59 and are able to work, you will probably need to meet the general work requirements to get SNAP benefits. The general work requirements include registering for work, participating in SNAP Employment & Training (E&T), taking a suitable job if offered, not voluntarily quitting a job or reducing your work hours below 30 a week without good cause.

You are excused from the general work requirement fi you are any one of these things:

- 1. Already working at least 30 hours a week, (or earning wages at least equal to the federal wage multiplied by 30 hours).
- 2. Meeting work requirements for another program (TANF or unemployment compensation).
- 3. Taking care of a child under 6 or an incapacitated person.
- 4. Unable to work due to a physical or mental limitation.
- 5. Participating regularly in an alcohol or drug treatment program.
- 6. Studying in school or a training program at least half-time. (College students are subject to other eligibility rules).

Therefore:

- 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.

APPLICANT / CLIENT CONSENT

PENALTY OF PERJURY:

Case Number:

I swear under penalty of perjury, that:

- 1. I have read the information in this application, or someone has read it to me.
- 2. My answers in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- 3. I will give DHS information that is true and complete to be best of my knowledge, during my interview and in the future, including information regarding the felony conviction of certain crimes and the U.S. citizenship or immigration status of all my household members.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSENT/RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

I hereby consent and give permission to the VI Department of Human Services (VIDHS) to share, release, 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.

Further, I understand that by signing this application, I consent to an investigation to verify or confirm the information I have provided.

Applicant/Authorized Representative: By signing this application, I certify that I understand and agree to the "Rights, Responsibilities, and Penalties" attached on this application. PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING. PLEASE SIGN APPLICATION.						
Print Applicant or Authorized Representative Name Below		Print Caseworker's Name below				
Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative	Date MM/DD/YYYY	Caseworker's Signature Below	Date MM/DD/YYYY			