

Distribution Date	April 6, 2026
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CIT Name	CA-299036 County List of CalFresh Cuban/Haitian and Interim Process

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Description	<p>Purpose</p> <p>The purpose of this CIT is to provide Counties with an interim process for implementing updated CalFresh noncitizen eligibility rules as they relate to Cuban and Haitian Entrants (CHEs) under House of Representatives 1 (Public Law 119-21), until System automation is available.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>ACL 25-92 CALFRESH IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1: CHANGES TO NONCITIZEN ELIGIBILITY POLICY dated December 31, 2025 changes noncitizen eligibility for CalFresh. Under these changes, only a limited set of noncitizen groups remain eligible: U.S. nationals, LPRs, COFA citizens, and Cuban and Haitian Entrants (CHEs). CHEs remain explicitly eligible for federal benefits. The policy is effective April 1, 2026 to apply this new eligibility criteria at initial applicant households and at recertification for ongoing households.</p> <p>Additional Information</p>
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Currently, the System grants CHEs CalFresh depending on the document type and section code. Some document types and section codes are eligible to non-federal funding benefits.

SCR CA-292491 Update Eligibility for Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan and Venezuelan Non-Citizens was created to update the System to grant these Non-Citizen's CalFresh eligibility. This SCR is tentatively scheduled for the 26.11 release.

County Actions

Until SCR CA-292491 is implemented, workers must verify individuals who meet Cuban and Haitian Entrant (CHE) criteria and take the following steps for applicants and recipients eligible for CalFresh under ACL 25-92. As a reminder, Counties must verify a noncitizen's immigration status at both initial application and recertification through SAVE to determine CalFresh eligibility.

For assistance with understanding CHE criteria, counties may reference the ORR Cuban/Haitian Entrant Fact Sheet: [REDACTED]

For CalFresh Cases (Intake/Mid-period voluntary request that results in an increase in benefits):

1. On the **Citizenship Status List** page:
 - a) Click the **Add** button
2. On the **Citizenship Status Detail** page, for CalFresh eligible individual:
 - a) Select **I-151, I-551, Passport or I-94 Annotated with I-551 & Section Code** for Document and select **CUP** as Section Code.
3. Click the **Save and Return** button.

Note: With HR1 implementation, once the individual is determined to be eligible to non-federal funding due to their citizenship document and section code, any changes to the citizenship document will be acted on at recertification or new application. Until then they will remain eligible under non-federal funding.

For Ongoing CalFresh Cases (Recertification):

Review CA-299036 County List below and follow the County Action.

The list associated with CA-299036 has been posted to the CalSAWS Communication Portal under County Secured Documents for each individual county in the following location:

[REDACTED]

Disclaimer: If no list information is posted in the location above, no county action is needed for **CA-299036 County List**.

The lists will display the standard columns:

- Case Name
- Case Number
- County
- Unit
- Unit Name
- Office Name
- Worker ID

Users must follow their county's business process to review the cases and take the necessary actions. Follow business process to flag case and Journal actions.

<u>List</u>	<u>County Action</u>
<p>CA-299036 County List Additional columns(s): Recertification due date, Role</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the Citizenship Status List page: 2. Click the Add button 3. On the Citizenship Status Detail page, for CalFresh eligible individual: 4. Select I-151, 1-551, Passport or I-94 Annotated with I-551 & Section Code for Document and select CUP as Section Code. 5. Click the Save and Return button.

Copy your Regional Manager(s) on any questions you might send to the Primary or Backup Project Contact.

Primary Project Contact

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Backup Project Contact

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Attachments

None

Communication Portal Link



OR

You may also retrieve the CIT document and attachments by following these steps:

1. Hover over the Communications & Resources tab at the top of the page.
2. Click on the "CalSAWS Information Transmittal (CIT)" folder.
3. Click on the "2026" folder.
4. Click on the appropriate CIT # folder.