



12.05.2016 Meal Service Requirements in the Summer Meal Programs, with Questions and Answers - Revised

The USDA has [provided](#) revised guidance on meal service requirements for the SFSP and the NSLP's SSO. In summary, the revision:

- Provides guidance on the updated CACFP meal patterns and the impacts on the SFSP and SSO
- Provides guidance on the order in which meals must be served to be eligible for reimbursement
- Extends flexibilities on the timing of meal service when extenuating circumstances occur
- There is also a Questions and Answers portion of the memo addressing the meal service requirements in summer meal programs.

Questions about any of the memorandums should be directed to the appropriate State agency, which are listed [here](#).

12.01.2016 2017 Edition of Questions and Answers for the National School Lunch Program's Seamless Summer Option

This [memo](#) consolidates the recent policy changes in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) that affect the implementation of the Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Parts of the SSO can be streamlined by school food authorities (SFAs) by using the same operational requirements as the NSLP/SBP, and other parts must follow SFSP requirements. The FNS has made resources available, such as the [Summer Meals Toolkit](#), to ease the process and enable the success of these program.

12.01.2016 Area Eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs

This memo was issued in order to revise guidance on the use of school and census data to establish area eligibility in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), the At-Risk Afterschool component of CACFP, the SFSP, and the SSO. Previously in 2014, FNS had simplified the area eligibility determination process and clarified how the Community Eligibility Provision relates to area eligibility determinations, and this memorandum further streamlines program administration by removing the requirement that FNS Regional Offices approve weighted average calculations. Read [the full memo](#) for more information regarding eligibility and data sources.

11.23.2016 USDA Addresses Questions on Fiscal Action in School Year 2016-2017 Administrative Reviews

The USDA has released a [memo](#) that addresses questions that State agencies have asked regarding School Food Authority (SFA) wide fiscal action and assists State agencies in completing administrative reviews of SFAs. The memo explains how to answer the certification and benefit issuance part of the administrative review, as well as why it is conducted this way. The memo also states that the Food and Nutrition Service is reviewing questions and information that State agencies have presented related to SFA wide fiscal action and will provide additional clarifications in January 2017. The USDA reminds State agencies that at a minimum, the onsite portion of the administrative review must be completed during the school year in which the review began and that fiscal action should be assessed as soon as possible once additional clarifications are received. Questions should be directed to the appropriate [FNS Regional Office](#).

Questions or comments?

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