

A person who has received an immigration status because they were battered by a spouse, child, or parent who is a United States citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident.

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| Eligibility | Many special conditions determine whether a person is eligible for particular programs. See the following information. |
| Most common examples of Immigration Documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Form I-360 under the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) • U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service letter indicating "Prima Facie eligibility" • Immigration Court document indicating a pending Cancellation of Removal case under the Violence Against Women's Act • Cancellation of Removal noting battered spouse/child • Stay of Deportation noting battered spouse/child |
| Likely to be sponsored? | No. |
| Category Code - Lawful Permanent Resident Card <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains the code on the LPR card when a person "Adjusted from" this status. | B11, B12, B16, B17, B20, B21, B22, B23, B24, B25, B26, B27, B28, B29, B30, B31, B32, B33, B34, B35, B36, B37, B38, IB1, IB2, IB3, IB6, IB7, IB8, Z14 |
| Category Code - Employment Authorization Document (EAD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explains a person's current status. | C31 |

A two-step process for determining eligibility

Determining eligibility requires both:

1. Confirming the applicant's status as a battered spouse, child, or parent of a battered child.
2. Determining specific circumstances about their lives or history that match specific program policies.
 - Those circumstances will determine which people are eligible for federally-funded benefits, for state-funded benefits or for no benefits.

Determining Cash Assistance eligibility

Determine if the person is eligible for federally-funded or state-funded MFIP.

Federally Funded MFIP eligibility

Battered spouses, children, or parents of a battered child that meet any one of the following conditions is eligible for federally-funded MFIP:

- Active duty U.S. military or honorably discharged U.S. veterans and their spouses and unmarried dependent children.
 - Verify this by the U.S. military ID, or a document issued by a U.S. military branch confirming active military duty. This does not include service through the National Guard.
- Have 40 qualifying Social Security work credits
 - Do not allow credit for any credits after December 31, 1996 where an LPR received assistance from a federal means-tested program. See [0002.23 \(Glossary: Fair Hearing...\)](#)
 - To verify Social Security Credits, see [0031.39 \(Verifying Social Security Credits\)](#), see also: [How You Earn Credits 2022 \(ssa.gov\)](#)
 - - NOTE: People who fall under this category are eligible for federally-funded food portion.

NOTE: If the person is NOT eligible for federally funded benefits, then consider whether they are eligible for state-funded benefits.

State funded MFIP benefits, Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA), General Assistance (GA), and Group Residential Housing (GRH).

Battered spouses, children, or parents of a battered child are eligible.

Divers ionary Work Program

Follow MFIP guidance except where noted, See [0011.34 Family Stabilization Services](#), and [0013.05 - DWP Bases of Eligibility](#).

Determining Food Assistance eligibility

Determine if the person is eligible for federally-funded or state-funded SNAP.

SNAP eligibility

Battered spouses, children, or parents of a battered child that meet any one of the following circumstances are eligible for SNAP:

- Active duty U.S. military or honorably discharged U.S. veterans and their spouses and unmarried dependent children.
 - Verify this by the U.S. military ID, or a document issued by a U.S. military branch confirming active military duty. This does not include service through the National Guard.
- Blind or disabled and receiving federal benefits for that condition.
 - Verify this through SVES or SMI. See [0010.18.05 \(Verifying Disability/Incapacity - Cash\)](#), and [0010.18.06 \(Verifying Disability/Incapacity-SNAP\)](#)
- Have 40 qualifying Social Security work credits
 - Do not allow credit for any credits after December 31, 1996 where an LPR received assistance from a federal means-tested program. See [0002.23 \(Glossary: Fair Hearing...\)](#)
 - To verify Social Security Credits, see [0031.39 \(Verifying Social Security Credits\)](#), see also: [How You Earn Credits 2022 \(ssa.gov\)](#)
- A battered spouse, child, or parent of a battered child who has been in a qualified non-citizen status for at least five years.
 - Verify this by looking at the status grant date on the person's immigration document(s) and reviewing what it means to be a qualified non-citizen.

People who have a "prima facie" eligibility letter from applying for an immigration status under the Violence Against Women Act are qualified non-citizens. The 5-year wait begins on the date of this letter.
- Children under age 18.

If the battered spouse, child, or parent of a battered child is NOT eligible for federally-funded SNAP, consider their eligibility for state-funded SNAP.

State-funded SNAP (Minnesota Food Assistance Program)

- To be eligible for the Minnesota Food Assistance Program, the person must meet ALL following conditions:
 - Be eligible for SNAP except for their immigration status,
 - Be 50 years old or older,
 - Be a resident of Minnesota, and
 - Not receiving MFIP.
- If the person is not eligible for SNAP or the Minnesota Food Assistance Program, they are not eligible for any public food support assistance programs.