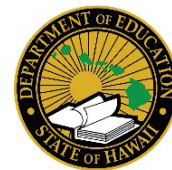


SUMMER PEBT 2023



What is Summer P-EBT?

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program is food assistance approved by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, and authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA) (P.L. 116-127) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260).

Who is it for?

School-aged students who as of the last day of School Year 2022-2023:

- Are either enrolled (this includes high school seniors) for free or reduced-price school meals at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?
OR...
- Who are enrolled in a school that provides free meals to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or another provision?
(**DOE CEP Schools** [\[click here\]](#) or **NSLP Charter and Private Schools** [\[click here\]](#))
OR...
- Returning students at DOE or NSLP Charter and Private Schools who apply for free or reduced price school meals by August 6, 2023, and are later determined eligible and enrolled for free or reduced-price school meals at a school that participates in the NSLP.

Do families need to apply for Summer P-EBT benefits?

There is NO APPLICATION for Summer P-EBT benefits. Eligible students are automatically enrolled through verification with the NSLP-participating school. Eligibility requirements are:

- Enrolled in Department of Education or NSLP-participating Charter and Private schools as of the last day of the school year; and
- Enrolled for free or reduced-price school meals at their school; or
- Enrolled in a school that provides free meals to all students through the CEP or another provision.

What if my school-aged child is NOT enrolled in free or reduced-priced school lunch?

If your school-aged child is in need and is NOT enrolled in the free or reduced-price school lunch program (and you would like for them to receive P-EBT benefits) **please apply via EZMealApp.com between May 27, 2023 through August 6, 2023 if your child is attending a DOE school. For children attending a NSLP-participating Charter or Private school, please contact your school.**

How Does this Work?

Eligible students will have their benefits issued to their own Hawai'i P-EBT account that is accessible through a Hawai'i P-EBT card (white card with black lettering) that they received for previous P-EBT benefits.

For newly eligible students that did not previously receive P-EBT, they will be mailed separate Hawai'i P-EBT cards in the name of each eligible student.

What if I need a replacement card?

If a replacement Hawai'i P-EBT card is needed please call the P-EBT call center at 1-888-975-PEBT(7328), or write to us by clicking the "Contact Us" button at pais-pebt.dhs.hawaii.gov. and mention you are requesting a replacement Hawai'i P-EBT card.

What foods can Keiki P-EBT benefits buy?

- Benefits can be used to purchase SNAP-eligible foods, such as groceries (including frozen), snacks, and seeds or plants that will produce food. You can't use the benefits to purchase alcohol, tobacco products, vitamins, live animals, prepared foods, or any non-food household items.
- For a list of SNAP-eligible foods, see www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items.
- The Hawai'i P-EBT cards can also be used with the [Da Bux](#) program.

How Much Will Students/Children Receive for the Summer benefit?

- The amount of Summer P-EBT benefit that covers the summer period starting from May 27, 2023 through August 6, 2023 is \$139 per student/child.
- A letter will be mailed starting from June 20, 2023 to notify you that your student/child will be receiving the Summer P-EBT benefit.

When will benefits be issued?

The Summer P-EBT benefits will be loaded to the Hawai'i P-EBT accounts and be available on June 28, 2023.

Note: For school-aged students who apply for free or reduced priced meals after the 2022-2023 school year ended and by August 6, 2023 and are determined eligible and enrolled in free or reduced priced meals, Summer P-EBT benefits for 2023 will be issued on September 12, 2023.

Do I or my child have to be a U.S. citizen to receive P-EBT benefits?

No. These benefits are for all children who are either enrolled for free or reduced-price school meals or enrolled at a school that provides free meals to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or another provision. Using P-EBT benefits will NOT affect a parent or child’s immigration status.

Will there be any future P-EBT benefits after this Summer P-EBT?

No, unfortunately the Summer 2023 P-EBT benefits is the last authorized P-EBT benefit that States may be able to offer. With the expiration of the COVID federal public health emergency States will no longer be authorized to issue any P-EBT benefits after September 30, 2023. Hawaii’s P-EBT program, including its P-EBT call center, will close on September 30, 2023.

Where can I call if I have more questions (such as where can I report a change of address)?

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