

Were You Denied Food Stamps?



It may have been because you did not send in all of your paper work on time.

- You have ten days after your interview to get those papers in, if those papers are not sent in within that time, you will receive a denial letter.
- After you receive your denial letter, you still have a chance to receive benefits.

If it has been less than 30 days since DHS received your application, you can still send in your missing documents and may be eligible to receive Food Stamps. If you send in all documents before another 30 days has passed, DHS will use your original application and you may still be eligible for Food Stamp benefits.

The following example illustrates the timeline:

July 6	DHS receives your application. DHS has 30 days from this day to make an appointment with you.
July 22	You have your interview with DHS caseworker. You are missing a few documents. You have within 10 days of this date (July 22) to send DHS the missing documents.
August 3	You receive a denial letter because you did not send in all documents within the 10 days. You have until August 6 to send these in and collect benefits for the month of July.
August 7	You did not get all documents in on time, however you still have 30 days (until September 6) to get in the missing documents. If DHS receives your documents within this time frame, they will still use your original application, however your benefits will begin in August.

DHS will not be able to determine your eligibility for food stamps until all your documents have been received.

If you have trouble securing appropriate documents please notify your caseworker who can help you.

If you have questions about the policy, call Maria at the URI Hunger Center, 874-4990.