



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:4-3-03 Food assistance: nonfinancial eligibility standard-residency.

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(A) What is the residency requirement?

An assistance group must file an application for participation with the county agency that serves the county in which the assistance group resides. The county agency shall not impose any durational residency requirements. Residency shall not mean an intent to permanently reside in the state or county; however, individuals in a county solely for vacation shall not be considered residents. A fixed residence is not required; for example, migrant campsites satisfy the residency requirement. The county agency shall not require an otherwise eligible assistance group to have a permanent dwelling or have a fixed mailing address as a condition of eligibility.

(B) May an individual participate in more than one assistance group in a month?

An individual may not participate as a member of more than one assistance group in any month. The only exception is when the individual is a resident of a shelter for battered persons and their children as defined in rule 5101:4-6-27 of the Administrative Code and was a member of an assistance group containing the individual who had abused him or her. Residents of shelters for battered persons and their children shall be handled in accordance with rule 5101:4-6-27 of the Administrative Code.

(C) What residency information is requested on an application?

The application asks for both a physical address and a mailing address. When the two are different, the county agency shall request that both addresses be given. When the address is a rural route, information shall be given that will provide directions to the home. Addresses on an application shall be verified in accordance with rule 5101:4-2-09 of the Administrative Code.
