

# Food Stamp EBT Do's and Don'ts for Cashiers



- The customer *must* always present their EBT card.
  - The customer must always enter their own PIN.
  - Always give the customer the EBT receipt when the transaction is finished.
  - Continue to accept paper food stamps for eligible purchases.
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- Do *not* exchange cash for food stamp benefits (EBT).
  - Do not accept food stamp benefits (EBT) as payment on credit accounts.
  - Do not collect sales tax on items purchased with food stamp benefits.
  - Do not set a minimum purchase amount *or* add a surcharge for using EBT.

# Penalties for Violation of the Food Stamp Program



Penalties  
Include:

- Permanent disqualification when the owner or employees purchase or traffic in food stamp benefits, or for a third disqualification.
- Three to five year disqualification for the sale of non-food items, such as alcoholic beverages or tobacco.
- One to three year disqualification for accepting food stamp benefits for payment of credit accounts.
- Six month to three year disqualification for the sale of non-food items, such as, but not limited to: soap, paper products, medicines, etc.



The Food Stamp Program is available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, political beliefs or disability.

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