



State of Louisiana SNAP-Authorized Retailer Attestation Form SNAP Food Restriction Waiver

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approved Louisiana's waiver to allow the State to modify the list of food items that can be excepted from the definition of "food" items, defined in 7 CFR § 271.2. The aforementioned regulation defines "eligible foods" for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as "any food or food product intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and hot foods and hot food products prepared for immediate consumption." By submitting this attestation, you confirm as a SNAP Authorized Retailer your understanding of, and readiness to comply with, the Louisiana Department of Health's (LDH) restriction on the use of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to purchase soft drinks, energy drinks, and candy, effective February 18, 2026. Retailers must adhere to federal and state SNAP rules and restrictions in 7 CFR Part 271 and any other applicable laws and regulations. Any violation of the restrictions set forth below will jeopardize a retailer's EBT status and FNS authorization.

For more detailed information, please click here:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/waivers/foodrestriction/louisiana>

Attestation Statement

By signing below, I, the undersigned, hereby attest that:

1. I have reviewed and understand all USDA SNAP retailer rules and regulations, including prohibited activities and the changes made to the eligible food guidelines, that now prohibit the use of SNAP benefits to purchase soft drinks, energy drinks, and candy.
2. I understand that SNAP benefits may only be used to purchase eligible food items and that it is strictly prohibited to exchange SNAP benefits for cash, credit, or ineligible products.
3. All staff involved in SNAP transactions will receive compliance training prior to accepting SNAP payments.
4. Our store will maintain:
 - All register receipts for at least one year.
 - Accurate and transparent EBT point-of-sale systems with restricted item controls.
5. Any suspected SNAP violations or irregularities will be reported promptly to the USDA Food and Nutrition Service or appropriate authorities.
6. We will fully cooperate with any USDA audits, investigations, or site visits.
7. I confirm that I have the authority to sign on behalf of Retailer, the establishment on whose behalf I am filling out this attestation.

Email completed paper forms to LDH.SNAPRetailers@la.gov or submit online at ldh.la.gov/SNAPWaiver.



Retailer attests it will adhere to the revised SNAP waiver restrictions and requirements, by signing below:

I attest that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I agree to comply with the above conditions as a participating SNAP retailer.

Retailer/Store Name and FNS ID Number (if applicable): _____

Signature of Owner/Authorized Representative: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Completed attestation forms may be emailed to LDH.SNAPRetailers@la.gov. You may also complete and submit the form online at ldh.la.gov/SNAPwaiver.

For Internal Use Only (if needed)

Reviewed by: _____

Date: _____

Notes: _____