

PUBLIC CHARGE

The Trump Administration's version of the Public Charge test ended on March 9, 2021.

USING PROGRAMS LIKE THE ONES BELOW WILL **NOT** AFFECT YOUR IMMIGRATION APPLICATION:



- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, “EBT” or “Food Stamps”) and P-EBT
- Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC)
- Food pantry, grocery, and prepared meal programs



- Boston Rental Relief Fund
- Public housing and Section 8 assistance
- Housing aid through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program
- Emergency Assistance shelter



- COVID-19 testing, treatment, and vaccination
- MassHealth (except long-term institutionalized care), Health Safety Net, Medicare, Health Connector Coverage
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)



- Donations
- Any COVID-19 relief funding
- Unemployment assistance
- Small Business Administration (SBA) loans and grants
- Help paying for childcare

*The Public Charge test still exists for some immigration applications, but it **ONLY** applies to these benefits:*

- Government cash benefits (e.g. TAFDC, EAEDC, SSI)
- Long-term care paid for by the government (e.g. nursing homes)

Questions? **Call 311** or contact the City of Boston Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement at **617-635-2980** or immigrantadvancement@boston.gov. For more information about Public Charge, visit boston.gov/immigrants.