

In order to qualify for Free School Meals the claimant must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

BENEFIT	PROOF OF BENEFIT
<u>INCOME SUPPORT (IS)</u>	Letter of entitlement to Income Support which must be dated no more than 6 weeks before the date of application
<u>INCOME BASED JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (IBJSA)</u>	Letter of entitlement to Income Based Jobseekers allowance which must be dated not more than 6 weeks before the date of application
<u>INCOME BASED & CONTRIBUTION BASED JSA OR ESA ON AN EQUAL BASIS</u>	Letter of entitlement to equal based job seekers allowance/employment support allowance which must be dated no more that 6 weeks before the date of application
<u>CHILD TAX CREDIT</u> but only those who are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit* and whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190 (subject to annual review), or Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.	Tax Credit Award notice as supplied by Inland Revenue for the current tax year * Tax credit award notice as supplied by the Inland Revenue for the current tax year and proof of the date employment ceased or the date employment of less than 16 hours per week started.
<u>SUPPORT UNDER PART VI OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999</u>	Vouchers as supplied by Inland Revenue.
<u>GUARANTEE ELEMENT OF STATE PENSION CREDIT</u>	Pension Credit Award Notice (M1000)
<u>INCOME RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE (IRESA)</u>	Letter of entitlement to Income Related Employment and Support Allowance which must be dated no more than 6 weeks before the date of application
<u>UNIVERSAL CREDIT</u>	Letter of entitlement to Universal Credit which must be dated no more than 6 weeks before the date of application

Please note foster carers are not entitled to claim free school meals as the fostering allowance includes funds to pay for school meals.

Please return your completed form to:

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