Apply for Cash Assistance
Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)

Program overview
The Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) program provides cash assistance and employment-related services to families with children and pregnant women, with little or no assets or income.

TAFDC is for families with children under 18, including teen parents. If you’re pregnant, you can apply for TAFDC for yourself if your child is due in less than 4 months. To get TAFDC a family must meet basic requirements:

- Live in Massachusetts
- Include a U.S. citizen or person with certain legal noncitizen status
- Meet income and asset limits. [Click here to check these limits](https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/).

These instructions cover the initial application.

The TAFDC/EAEDC Application Process:

- **Initiate an Application**: This should take about 10 minutes.
- **Phone Call**: We will call you to complete your application.
- **Send in Verifications**: We’ll give you a list of documents to send in so we can verify your eligibility.
- **Get CASH Benefits**: We’ll make a decision within 30 days.
First, collect the information you will need for your application.

- Birth date
- Social Security Number, if you have one
- Phone Number
- Incomes
- Pen and paper to write down your application number

Navigate to the DTA web site: [https://dtacommunity.eohhs.mass.gov](https://dtacommunity.eohhs.mass.gov)

Click **Apply TAFDC!**

Click **Get Started**
Fill out the form. Some fields are required.

When you are done, click Continue.

If nothing happens, check to make sure you filled in all the required fields. The system will show a red box if something is missing. Fill in the information, then click Continue again.
Carefully read the Rights, Responsibilities and Penalties section.

Use the scroll bar to make sure you can read everything.

This section is long!

When you are done

1. Click “I agree to the terms”
2. Sign your application by typing your full name in the box
3. Click Submit application
Congratulations! You completed your application!

Before you click “Exit”, please take a minute to write down your application number and the phone number you can call if you have questions.

Your TAFDC application has been submitted!

Your application number is[ ] You can also reach out to[ ]
DTA at[ ]

What's Next?
- The DTA will reach out to you within the next 5 days.