

No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) is a condition placed on someone's immigration status, which stops them accessing mainstream benefits such as universal credit, housing assistance, child benefit etc. **Only use this form if your family has NRPF.** Otherwise please use the usual Free School Meals / Pupil Premium application route through your local authority or the school.

Does it apply to me?

NRPF applies to people who may be subject to immigration control but may also affect someone who has no immigration status (also can be referred to as 'undocumented').

Do I have no immigration status?

You might have no immigration status if your visa has expired and then you haven't reapplied on time or you have been refused by the Home Office when you have applied.

Can I have a valid visa and still have no recourse to public funds?

Yes. This is where you have received 'limited leave to remain' but with no recourse to public funds, so you are able to work but not able to claim benefits. This is one of the most common forms of 'leave to remain' given in the UK.

Can a child have British citizenship or leave to remain and still be impacted by NRPF?

Yes, if the main carer of the British child is subject to NRPF restrictions, then this may also have an impact on your child as you may not be entitled to benefits (e.g. child benefit). Since March 2022, children from families with NRPF can access Free School Meals if the family incomes meet the income thresholds.

Which children are now eligible?

Eligible groups include, but may not be limited to children of: -

- Zambrano or Chen carers
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- families holding a BN(O) passport
- spousal visa holders, work visa holders or student visa holders
- those with no immigration status

Income thresholds

If you are legally able to work, your maximum income to qualify is as follows and so long as you have no more than £16,000 in capital and savings: -

- £22,700 for families outside of London with 1 child
- £26,300 for families outside of London with 2 or more children
- £31,200 for families within London with 1 child
- £34,800 for families within London with 2 or more children

How can I apply?

Complete the attached the application form. If you are able to do so, please provide evidence of your immigration status and income. If you cannot, you can self-declare. The school may ask for evidence where available, such as payslips, a P60, bank statements, a letter from an employer, a letter from the local authority confirming support, a Home Office letter, an eVisa, a biometric residence card, a BN(O) passport or visa, an ASPEN card or other relevant evidence.

Data storage and information sharing

The school will retain evidence of the application, including the self-declaration and any supporting documents, for normal audit purposes.

We are not required to send application forms or documents to the Department for Education or the Local Authority. The form is simply used to help us assess eligibility and will be securely stored with your child's school record to show if they are eligible for a Free School Meal.

Our school census returns to the DfE will include total numbers of pupils eligible for Free School Meals so that we can receive the right funding, but it will not show any indication of pupils' immigration status.

How our schools process personal data can be found in our '*Privacy notice | Academy pupils and parents*' available in the data protection section on the policy page of our website

Department for Education (DfE) guidance

The web link to the Department for Education's guidance is as follows: -

www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools-and-local-authorities/providing-free-school-meals-to-families-with-no-recourse-to-public-funds-nrpf

Application form for free school meals for families with no recourse to public funds

This form is for NRPF applications only. Other families should use the standard local authority Free School Meals / Pupil Premium application route.

Child's details:

First name:	
Surname:	
Date of birth:	
Nationality:	
Address and postcode:	

Parent / carer details:

First name:	
Surname:	
Relationship to child:	
Nationality:	
Address and postcode:	

Immigration category

Please tick the immigration category you are applying under.

☐ Zambrano carer	☐ Article 8 of the ECHR
☐ Spousal visa holder	☐ Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
☐ Work visa holder	☐ Chen carer
☐ Student visa holder	☐ Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 support
☐ No immigration status	☐ Other (Please specify below)
☐ BN(O) Passport holder	

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Supporting evidence of immigration status

Please tick with regard to any supporting documentation: -

☐	I am able to show evidence of my immigration status and have provided a copy
☐	I am unable to show evidence of my immigration status
☐	I can provide an eVisa, Home Office letter, biometric residence card, BN(O) passport or visa, ASPEN card, local authority support letter or other relevant evidence

Details of income, capital and savings

To be eligible for free school meals, your families' annual household income must be no higher than the approved thresholds.

Total household income includes that of yourself, your partner who lives with you or any wider support you may be receiving. Please tick that which applies: -

☐	We are a family with one child living outside of London. Our household income is less than £22,700
☐	We are a family with two or more children living outside of London. Our household income is less than £26,300
☐	We are a family with one child living in London. Our household income is less than £31,200
☐	We are a family with two or more children living in London. Our household income is less than £34 800

Capital and savings can include money held in bank accounts, savings accounts or other accessible capital. Please speak to the school if you are unsure what to include.

☐	I can confirm that my family holds no more than £16,000 in capital and savings*
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Supporting evidence of income

Please tick with regard to any supporting documentation: -

☐	I can show evidence of my household income (e.g. bank statements, payslips, a P60, a letter form employer or a letter form the local authority confirming support)
☐	I am unable to show evidence of my household income
☐	I am self-declaring my income because evidence is currently unavailable

Declaration of applicant

I (PRINT NAME):	
of (ADDRESS):	

confirm that the information and answers I have provided in this form is accurate and true.

Signed:	
Date:	

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	Date received / check completed	Staff member name / role
Evidence received / self declaration accepted:		
Income threshold met:		
NRPF category confirmed:		
FSM approved:		
Parent / carer notified:		