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Summary

Updated to certification periods extensions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and as referenced in emergency rule 388-434-0015.
See below for edited text:

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1. Purpose:

This section explains: What a certification period is for Basic Food, the longest certification period allowed based on their assistance unit's (AUs) situation, and when ACES sets a certification period to match the review end date of other programs.

[WAC 388-416-0005](#) How long can I get Basic Food?

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NOTE: Basic Food certification periods are extended under emergency rule WAC 388-434-0015 for the following periods:

- November 2020 is extended two months, to January 2021;
- December 2020 is extended two months, to February 2021;

- January 2021 is extended 4 months, to May 2021;
 - February 2021 is extended 4 months, to June 2021.
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Clarifying Information - [WAC 388-416-0005](#)

1. **How long can I get Basic Food?**

Basic Food certifications are certified for up to 12 months unless:

- Basic Food is distributed under WASHCAP – a 36 month certification, or
- The certification period is extended to allow for Transitional Food Assistance (TFA).

~~**Note:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, food certification periods are extended 6 months for cases with Eligibility Reviews due in April, May, and June 2020. Please see [WAC 388-437-0005](#).~~