# Free and Reduced Meal Benefits: ALICE

Effective for the school year 2026-27, the Department has expanded its free meal eligibility to families with household incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (ALICE households) under Act 139. Eligible students will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each school day.

Next Steps:

1. Review the Expanded Income Guidelines below
2. If your family falls within the guidelines, submit an application for Free and Reduced Meal Benefits at EZMealApp.com
3. Within 1-3 days, you'll receive your School Meals Eligibility Letter via email stating your child's status

Note: Applications can be submitted anytime during the school year. You may reapply if circumstances change in your household.

Complete the EZMealApp process on your computer or scan the QR code to apply on your mobile device

## Hawaii Expanded Income Guidelines

| Family Size | Annual | Monthly | Twice per month | Every 2 Weeks | Weekly |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $55,080 | $4,590 | $2,295 | $2,119 | $1,060 |
| 2 | $76,670 | $6,223 | $3,111 | $2,872 | $1,436 |
| 3 | $94,260 | $7,885 | $3,928 | $3,626 | $1,813 |
| 4 | $113,850 | $9,488 | $4,744 | $4,379 | $2,189 |
| 5 | $133,440 | $11,120 | $5,560 | $5,132 | $2,566 |
| 6 | $153,030 | $12,753 | $6,376 | $5,886 | $2,943 |
| 7 | $172,620 | $14,385 | $7,193 | $6,639 | $3,320 |
| 8 | $192,210 | $16,018 | $8,809 | $7,393 | $3,696 |
| For each addtl. household member, add: | $19,590 | $1,633 | $817 | $754 | $377 |