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**FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES MANUAL**  
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**200.01 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. Eligibility for the Food and Nutrition Services Program (FNS) is based on certain non-financial and financial requirements. Each applicant household and recipient of FNS benefits must meet the requirements. The following **mandatory** requirements are discussed in the appropriate sections.

1. FNS 205 Identity
2. FNS 210 Household **Composition**
3. FNS 212 Household Composition Special Arrangements
4. FNS 215 Residency
5. FNS 220 Categorical Eligibility
6. FNS 225 Citizenship
7. FNS 227 **Non-citizen** Requirements
8. FNS 230 Social Security Enumeration
9. FNS 235 Student of Higher Education
10. FNS 240 Work Registration Requirements
11. FNS 250 Resources
12. Integrated Eligibility Manual - Income
13. FNS 135 Second Party Review and Quality Control
14. FNS 270 Controlled Substance Felons

B. **Verification requirements and types are discussed within the specific section for each eligibility requirement.**

C. **Documentation is critical when determining eligibility and benefit levels for the FNS Program. Clear and concise documentation is needed in order to ensure accuracy. All documentation should be entered into North Carolina Families Accessing Services through Technology (NC FAST).**