How to Conduct Direct Certification Using State Match



Health and Nutrition Services Arizona Department of Education





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Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities** (SFAs) operating the **National School Lunch Program** (NSLP). All regulations are specific to operating the NSLP under the direction of ADE.

Objectives

At the end of this training, attendees should be able to:

- understand how to conduct CNP Direct Certification using State Match; and
- be aware of common errors that arise using this search method.

TRAINING HOURS

Information to include when documenting this training for Professional Standards:

- **Training Title:** How to Conduct Direct Certification Using State Match
- Key Area: 3000 Administration
- Learning Code: 3120
- Length: 15 minutes

Quiz Time



Throughout this guide, there will be comprehension quiz questions to test your knowledge and help you apply what you're learning. Be sure to review these quiz questions and answers available within the guide.

The question mark icon below will indicate a comprehension quiz question.



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The following slides will only cover how-to instructions for State Match. Please refer back to the <u>Online Training</u> <u>Library</u> for other How-To Guides outlining other search methods in CNP Direct Certification.

Overview of CNP Direct Certification

SECTION 1



DIRECT CERTIFICATION

Direct Certification is the process of determining which students are eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits based on documentation obtained directly from the appropriate state or local agency. Students directly certified will automatically receive free meal benefits without submitting a household application.



ADE houses an online computer matching system called CNP Direct Certification which allows SFAs to directly obtain confirmation from such agencies to determine if their students will qualify for free meal benefits.

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• SFAs can access this system at any time to generate documentation that may be used to certify students for free or reduced-price meal benefits without a household application within the current program year.

State Match is a search method within CNP Direct Certification. This method pulls students from pre-populated enrollment information via AzEDS and compares it to the assistance program database.

This method is recommended to search the eligibility of a large number of students.

Enrollment is pre-populated, therefore you do not need to upload any files or data.* This format is best utilized to conduct direct certification throughout the school year.



If your school does not report AzEDS data to ADE, the State Match format will not provide results and will show zero (0) students and matches.



Direct Certification State Match Search

Attn: Direct Certification is receiving data from AzEDs, however, if your LEA has not submitted data to AzEDS, then the State Match function will not work. State Match will only use the File Upload function and search by State Student ID in order to obtain your matches.

- This search method is recommended to search the eligibility of a large number of students Student enrollment is pre-populated from AzEDs.
- · Select the SFA/Sponsor from the Sponsor Selection dropdown box.
- · Choose either all sites or the single site from the Site Selection dropdown box
- The user may download the results either in Excel or in .PDF

Please visit the ADE Online Training Library for Direct Certification Training

Frequently Asked Questions

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· For those SFAs/Sponsors that do not report students in AzEDs; the State Match function cannot be used. Please see File Upload method

Quiz Time

When is it recommended to use State Match to conduct direct certification?

- A When a large number of students is being searched and the school reports student data to AzEDS.
- B When a large number of students is being searched and the school does not report student data to AzEDS.
- C When a small number of students is being searched.



Quiz Time

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Accessing the CNP Direct Certification System

SECTION 2



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ACCESSING THE SYSTEM

Direct Certification using Medicaid Data is conducted in the CNP Direct Certification (CNPDC) web-based application in ADEConnect.

To access the CNPDC system, login to ADEConnect, select "View Applications," and then select "CNP Direct Certification / Direct Verification."



If CNP Direct Certification / Direct Verification is not a listed application in ADEConnect, you will need to request access from your Entity Administrator.

Open a web browser, navigate to adeconnect.azed.gov, and input your username and password for ADEConnect. **SELECT "VIEW APPLICATIONS"** After logging in to ADEConnect, select "View Applications." Applications Access and use ADE applications. View Applications **SELECT "CNP DIRECT CERTIFICATION / DIRECT VERIFICATION"** Select "CNP Direct Certification / Direct

LOGIN TO ADECONNECT



Verification" from the list of applications in ADEConnect.



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ACCESSING THE SYSTEM

After successfully logging in to the CNP Direct Certification / Direct Verification System, a screen with a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) statement will load. The statement must be read, understood, and acknowledged to advance in the system by selecting "I AGREE/CONTINUE."

After the FERPA statement has been acknowledged, you will then be brought to a new screen where you must select CNP Direct Certification by clicking "Proceed to Direct Certification."



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SECTION 3



Arizona Education Data Standards (AzEDS)

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ADE's information system that maintains and reports student-level data for students attending a public educational institution in Arizona.

If your school does not report AzEDS data to ADE, the State Match method will not provide results and will show zero (0) students. This will be the result of all search methods using Student State IDs such as File Upload using Student State IDs and Individual Student Lookup using State Student IDs.

STATE STUDENT ID

ADE assigns each student with an AzEDS State Student ID (formerly known as SAIS ID) that acts as a student identifier from K-12th grade.

Student data is pulled from the pre-populated enrollment information in AzEDS. State Student IDs can be utilized to conduct direct certification only if the LEA uses AzEDS to send information to ADE.

After successfully logging in to the CNP Direct Certification / Direct Verification System and agreeing to the FERPA Compliance Statement, you will be directed to the CNP Direct Certification portal.

To start a search using the State Match method, select **State Match** from the Direct Certification dropdown. Then, a new screen titled "**Direct Certification State Match Search**" will load.

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Direct Certification Updates - April 2, 2020

The United States Department of Agriculture COVID-19: Child Nutri Education elects the use of this waiver extending the due date for S waiver also extends the deadline for LEAs to elect CEP for the upco

Direct Certification Updates - July 1, 2019

Welcome to school year 2020. State Match searches will not be available un All file uploads will be available beginning July 2, 2019.

For Direct Certification Best Practices, please review the following webinar: I

Direct Certification Updates -March 29, 2019:

April 1 data must be collected and reported no later than April 15th for Annu: All LEAs collect student information for each site. This includes the total num

The identified students are students directly certified through SNAP, TANF, application. Foster children certified through means other than an applicatio a free and reduced-price application are NOT included. Students certified fo Enrolled students are students who are enrolled and attending schools, and participating in the programs.

Step by step instruction on completing this requirement is detailed in memo

Help Video for CEP Data Collection Tool:

CEP Data Collection Tool Help Video

AUTOMATED MATCHING

CNP Direct Certification system now conducts automated searches and prothese notifications. To opt-in click the 'Email Notification' link in the menu ba



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SELECTING A SPONSOR & SITE

Once the "Direct Certification State Match Search" webpage loads, select your SFA from the Sponsor Selection dropdown.

If you would like to conduct Direct Certification using the State Match method for a specific site within your LEA, select the site name from the Site Selection dropdown. If you would like to conduct a search for your entire SFA, omit this step and leave the site selection blank.

Once the dropdown options are complete, select Search.



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RESULTS

Once the search has been conducted, the screen will refresh to this page that displays the search results.

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Please refer back to the <u>Online Training Library</u> for other How-To Guides outlining other search methods in CNP Direct Certification, and how to interpret and apply match results.

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Certificate

Requesting a training certificate Please click the button to complete a brief survey about this online training. Once the survey is complete, you will be able to print your certificate of completion from Survey Monkey.



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