

3SquaresVT: Good for Your Business!

Becoming an authorized 3SquaresVT retailer will increase your sales and provide an important service to your customers and your community. 3SquaresVT supports both the people who receive benefits and local retailers. *In 2015, 3SquaresVT gave Vermonters over \$120 million to spend in the state's grocery stores and markets.*

Is my store eligible?

In order to participate as a 3SquaresVT retail store, your business must **EITHER**:

Sell at least three varieties of foods in each of the following four staple food groups on a daily basis (this includes perishable foods in at least two of the following categories):

- Meat, poultry, or fish
- Bread or cereal
- Vegetables or fruits
- Dairy products

OR:

Receive more than 50% of gross sales from the sale of these staple foods.



APPLY TO BECOME AN AUTHORIZED RETAILER:

The fastest way to apply to accept 3SquaresVT/SNAP is by filling out an online application with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service at www.fns.usda.gov/snap/retailers/application-process.htm. You can also request a paper application be mailed to you by calling **1-877-823-4369**. The packet will be mailed to you within five days.

The authorization process usually takes about 30-45 days and involves an application form, training, and equipment set up. For questions about the application process, please visit vermontfoodhelp.com/info-for-retailers.

The state's EBT contractor, known as FIS, will contact you after your application is approved to discuss equipment options for your store to process 3SquaresVT sales. Please note that as of August 2014 there is no longer free EBT equipment and service for most retailers.

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