FDP Claims Training Guide for Organizations

Training Guide

This document serves as a training aid, guiding individuals with the Org Claims role through each step of the TANS Claims process.

This document is best viewed and navigated on-screen using the **Bookmarks** pane to navigate and the **Find** feature (Ctrl+f) to search.

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Length	30 Minutes
Description	This document is designed to be a step-by-step guide for someone with an Org Claims role in TANS as they work through the process of submitting a claim.
USDA Key Areas	
Learning Objective(s)	How to submit a claim in the TANS system.

COMMON ACRONYMS

Acronym	Description
FDP	Food Distribution Programs
TEFAP	The Emergency Food Assistance Program
CSFP	Commodity Supplemental Food Program
FMNP	Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
SFMNP	Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program
FND/F&N	Food & Nutrition Division
Organizations (Org)	The new term replacing Contracting Entity
SA	State Agency. This term applies to F&N teams within TDA that manage program eligibility, claims, and compliance.
TDA	Texas Department of Agriculture
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

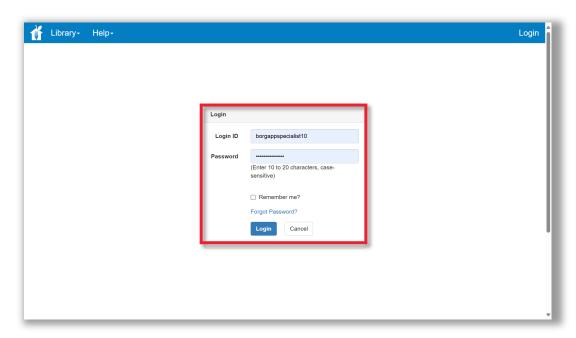
SquareMeals.org	TDA Food & Nutrition Website	News, resources, and training for all 12 Food & Nutrition programs in Texas
CFR Regulations	TEFAP: 7 CFR Parts 250 and 251 CSFP: 7 CFR Parts 247 and 250 FMNP: 7 CFR Parts 246, 248, and 2 CFR Part 200 SFMNP: 7 CFR Part 249	Code of Federal Regulations for FDP programs.
ThelCN.org	Institute of Child Nutrition Website	The ICN is the only federally funded national center dedicated to applied research, education and training, and technical assistance for child nutrition programs.
Policy Handbooks	The Emergency Food Assistance Program Handbook Commodity Supplemental Food Program Handbook	TDA Program handbooks are available on SquareMeals.org.

Submitting an FDP Claim in TANS

PROCEDURE

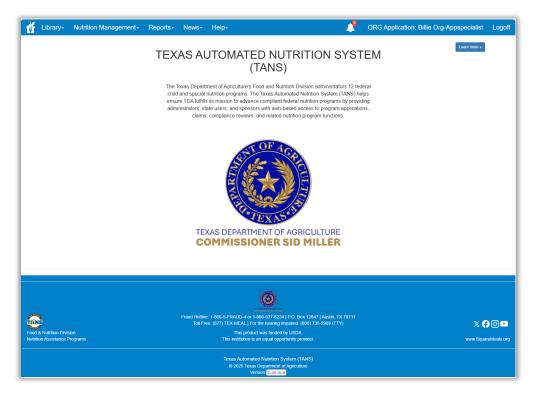
In the example scenario below, you have the TANS ORG Claims role and work for the non-profit, Abundant Baskets Community Food Bank. On behalf of your organization, you will create and submit a claim for a program, modify the claim, resubmit, and review the approved claim.

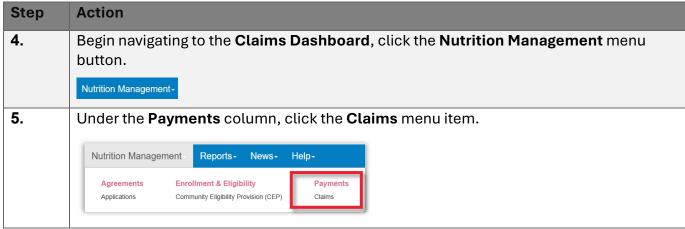
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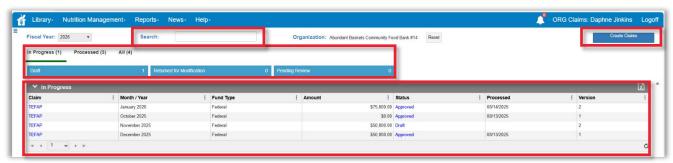
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1.	Open the TANS page from the link:
	http://tans.texasgriculture.gov
	If you have access to the TANS training environment and want to practice there, use the following link:
	http://trainingtans.texasagriculture.gov
	Note : You may want to add the page to your browser favorites.
2.	Enter your assigned Login ID and Password .
	Note : As you type in the password, you can click the Eye icon in the Password field to verify your password is correct.
3.	Click the Login button.
	Login

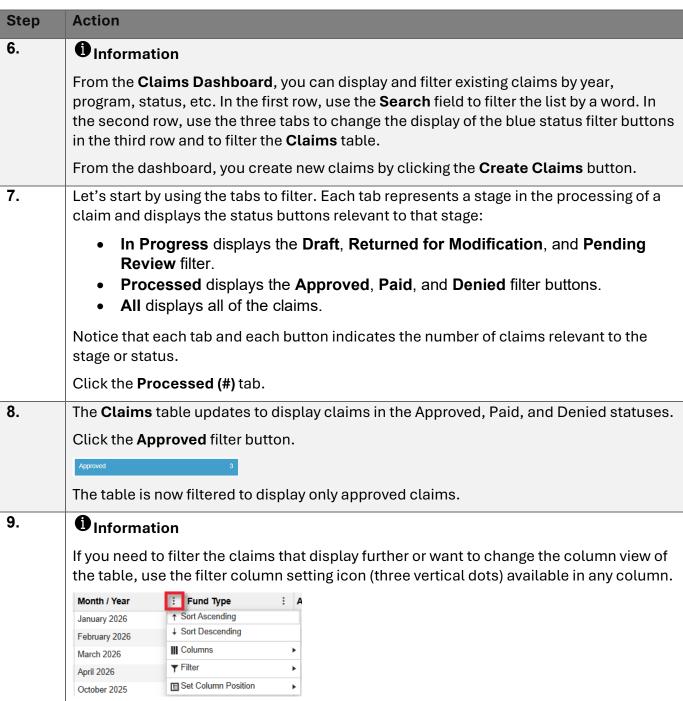
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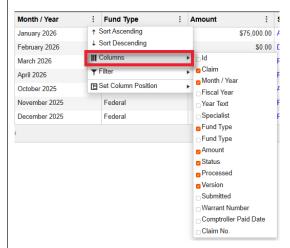
CLAIMS DASHBOARD



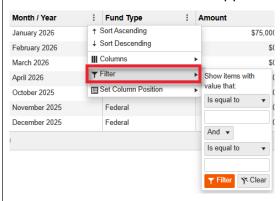


Use the **Sort** menu items to sort the applications by a specific column. You can also click the column heading to sort.

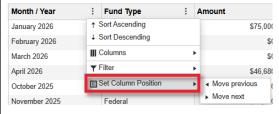
Use the **Column** tool to show or hide columns in the dashboard.



Use the **Filter** tool to filter the applications by a specific text in the column.



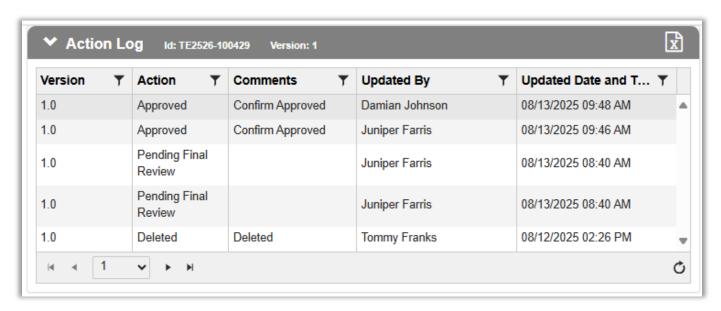
Use the **Set Column Position** to move columns right or left on the table.

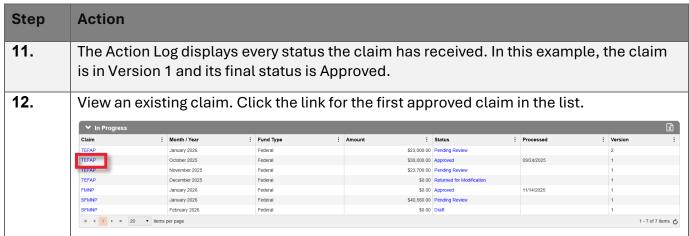


Note: You can export the visible programs to Excel by clicking the Excel icon.

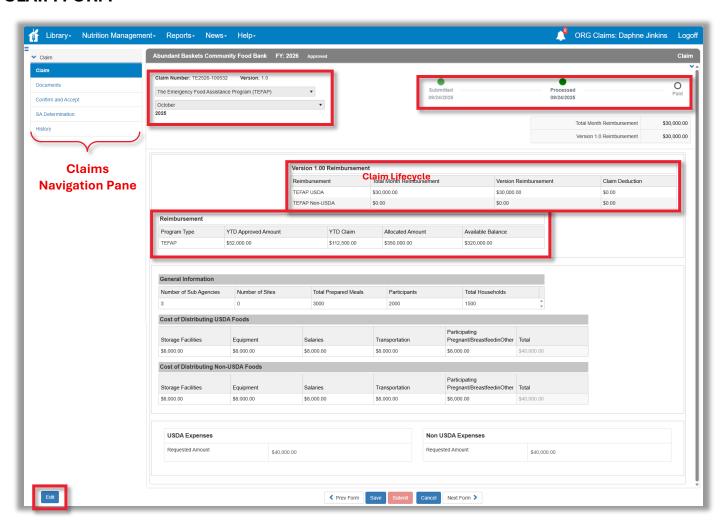
10. To view the Action Log for a claim, click its **Status** link.

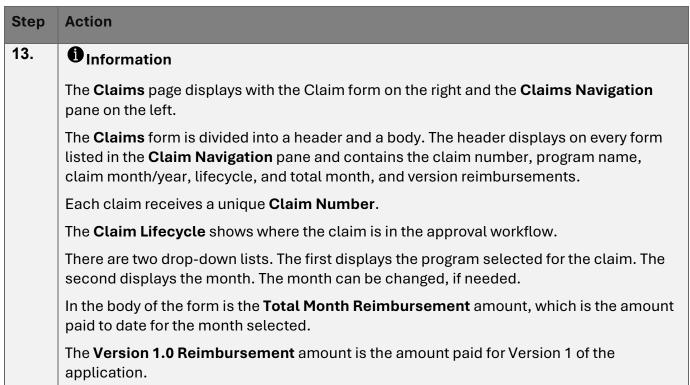
ACTION LOG





CLAIM FORM





The **Version 1.0 Reimbursement** section breaks out the Amount into USDA and Non-USDA amounts and then by total Month Reimbursement, Version Reimbursement, and the Claim Deduction. These amounts will remain zero until TDA has entered an approved amount.

The **Reimbursement** section contains year-to-date amounts approved by TDA for the program and the year-to-date amount claimed by the organization. The Amount Allocated to the organization does not change throughout the year unless a new application amendment is approved and a new allocated amount is entered. The **Available Balance** field is the Allocated Amount minus the YTD Approved Reimbursement amount.

14. Information

The example claim displayed is in version 1. If you determine that a change needs to be made to an approved claim, click the **Edit** button in the lower left to begin a new version of the claim. Claim versions will be demonstrated later in this Guide.

15. Let's begin a new claim. Leave the Claim by navigating back to the Claims Dashboard.

Click the **Nutrition Management** menu button.

Nutrition Management -

16. Under the **Payments** column, click the **Claims** menu item.



17. On the upper right of the Claims Dashboard, click the Create Claims button.

Create Claims

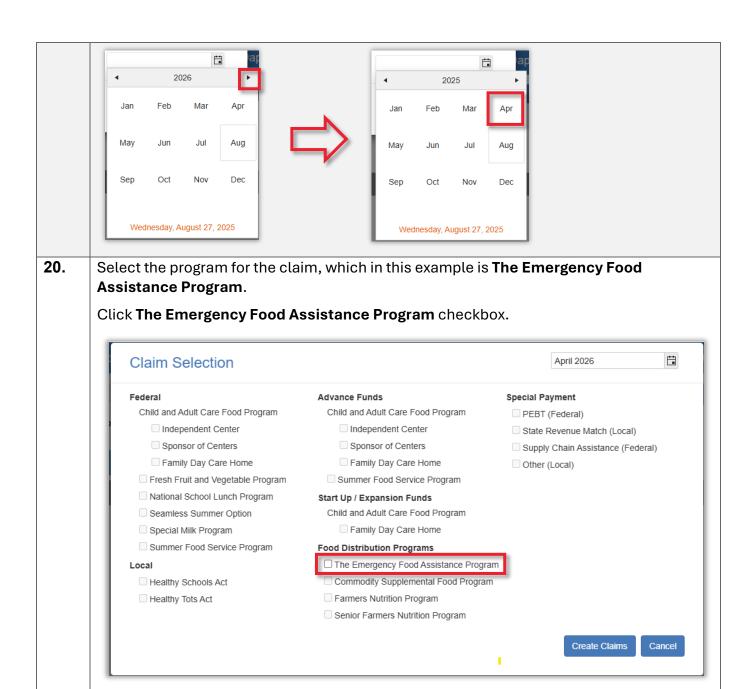
18. In the Claims Selection box, click the Calendar icon.

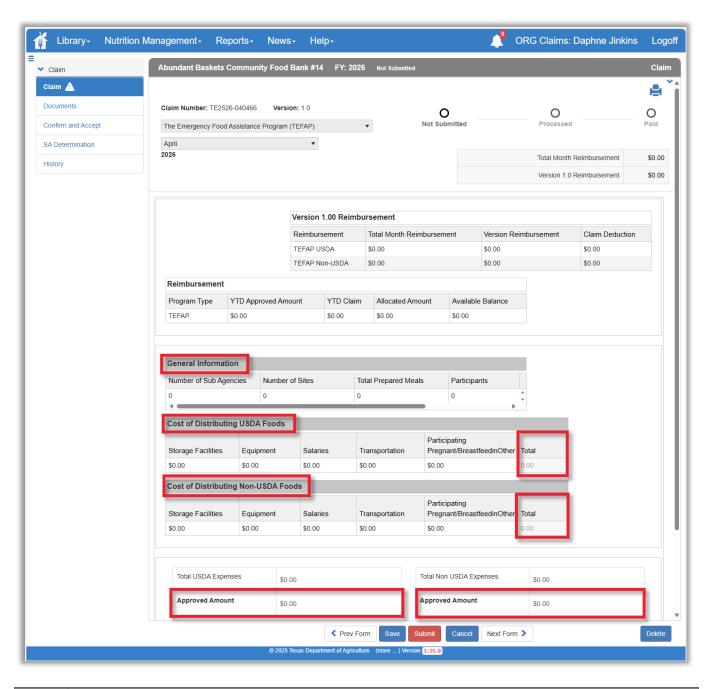


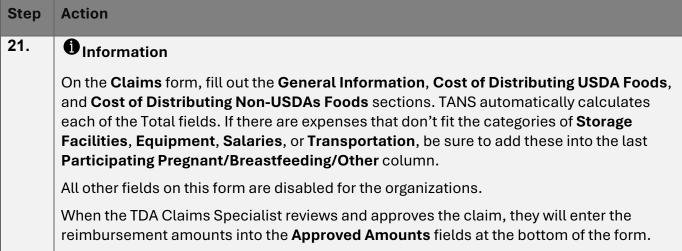
19. In the Calendar that displays, click the month for the claim you are creating.

Note: Only one claim can be filed by the organization per month per program. However, as needed, claims can be revised to capture expenses not claimed in the previous version of the claim.

In this example, you will create a claim for April 2026. Change the year by clicking the right arrow. Then, select the month of April.



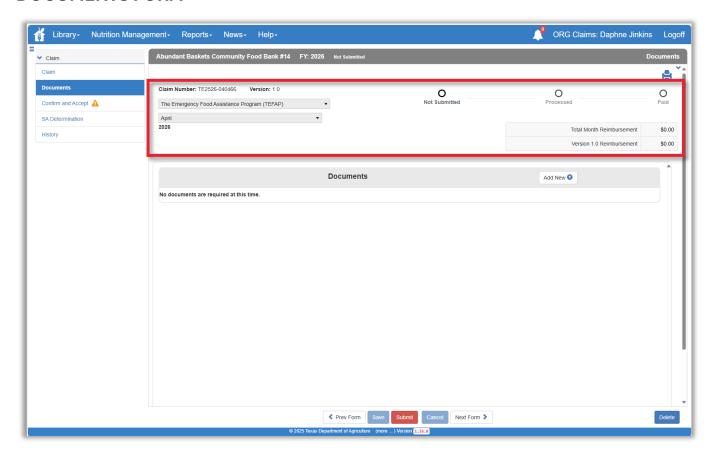


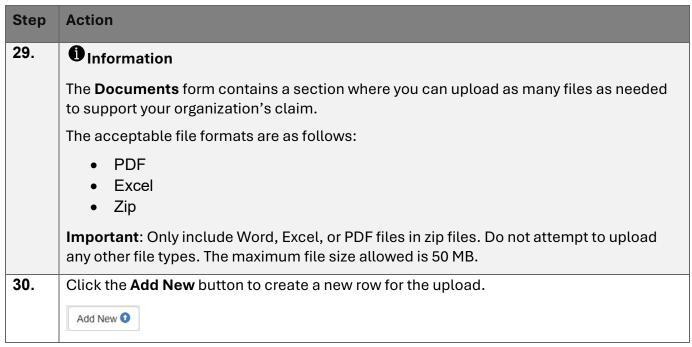


Note: Approved Amounts for the Cost of Distributing Non-USDA Foods will be zero throughout the year. However, it is important for organizations to enter Non-USDA expenses on each of their monthly claims. At the end of the program year, if TDA has any remaining TEFAP funds, TDA will apportion these funds to the organizations to assist in reimbursing Non-USDA expenses claimed throughout the year. 22. Enter the number of subdistributing agencies contracted to the organization participating in the program. Enter the amount into the **Number of Sub Agencies** field. 23. Enter the number of sites that participate in the program into the **Number of Sites** field. 24. Enter the number of meals provided to program participants for the month of the claim into the **Total Prepared Meals** field. 25. Enter the number of individuals in the program that were fed during the month into the Participants field. General Information Number of Sub Agencies Number of Sites Total Prepared Meals **Participants** 2 23587 11058 26. Enter all USDA and Non-USDA expenses into the column categories. Once you have completed these fields, save the form. Cost of Distributing USDA Foods Participating Pregnant/BreastfeedinOther Storage Facilities Equipment Transportation \$0.00 \$0.00 Cost of Distributing Non-USDA Foods Storage Facilities Equipment Salaries Transportation Pregnant/BreastfeedinOther Total \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Total USDA Expenses Total Non USDA Expenses \$0.00 Approved Amount Approved Amount \$0.00 \$0.00 Prev Form Click the **Save** button. 27. Once the form is saved, TANS calculates the Total USDA Expenses and Total Non-USDA Expenses fields. Total USDA Expenses Total Non USDA Expenses \$56,466,00 \$24,590,00 Approved Amount Approved Amount \$0.00 \$0.00

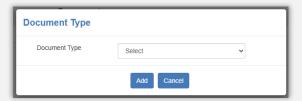
When you are ready, navigate to the **Documents** form.Click the **Next Form** button or the **Documents** menu item.

DOCUMENTS FORM





31. In the **Document Type** drop-down list, select the applicable type and click the **Add** button.

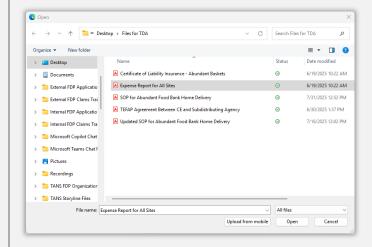


32. The **Documents** section refreshes to display a new row where you can upload a document.



Click the **Attach File** icon to begin the upload.

33. Double-click the file to upload in the **Open** dialog box..



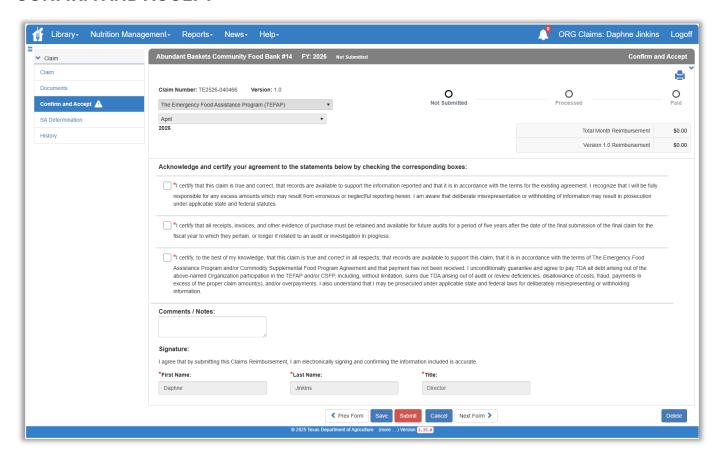
After the file is uploaded, you can view it by clicking the **View File** icon. If the incorrect document was uploaded, use the **Delete File** icon to remove it. TDA's Claims Specialist uses the **Reviewer Comments** and **Verification** fields to validate the file. If the file is determined to be Invalid, then the Specialist will leave comments for the Organization to act on once the Claim is returned for modification.

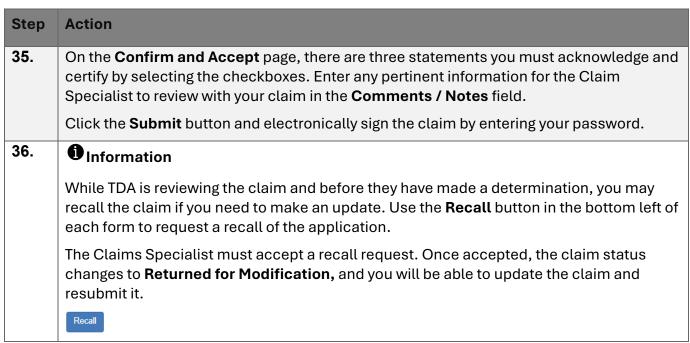


Click the **Add New** button to add as many rows as needed for your documents.

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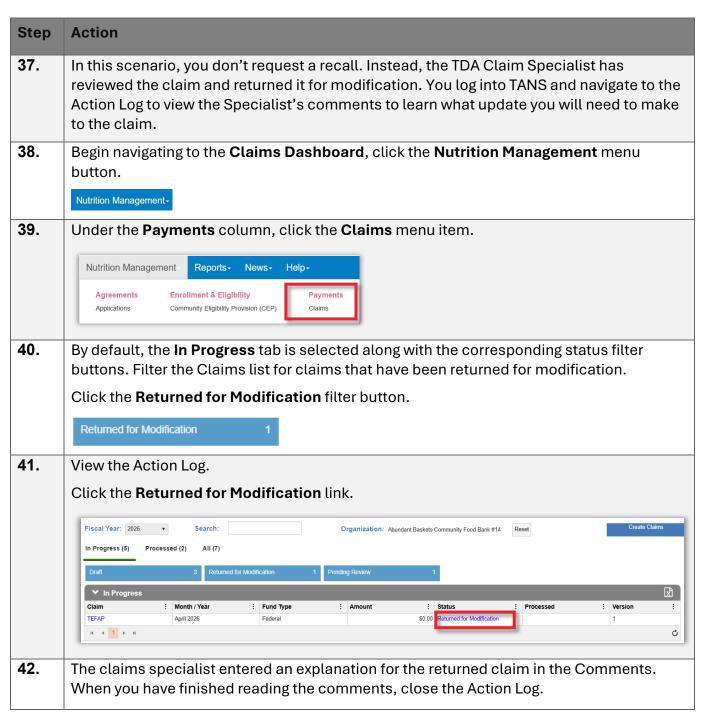
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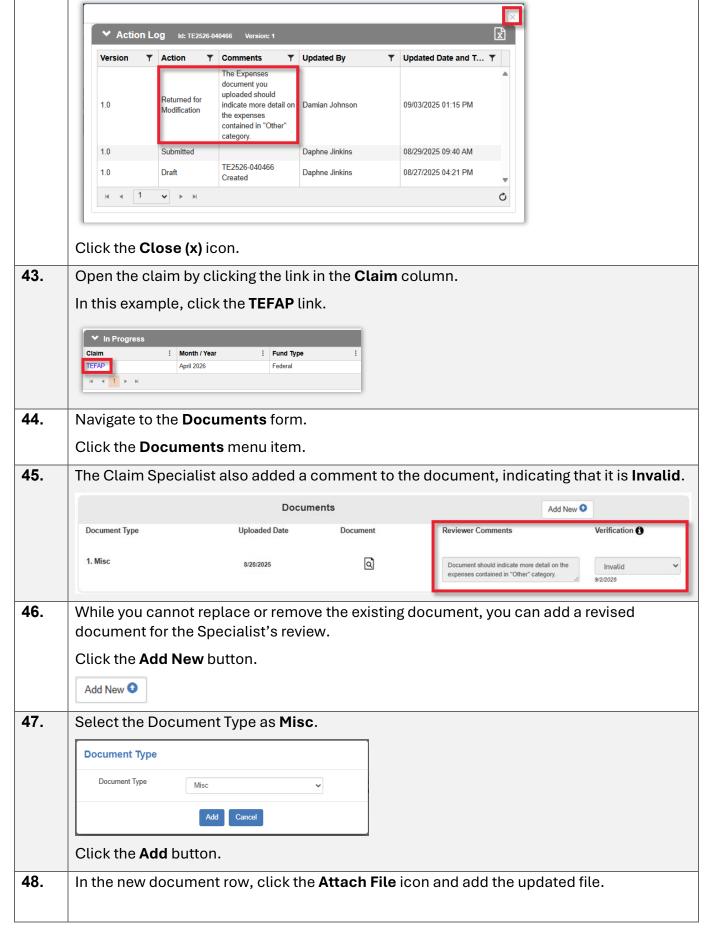


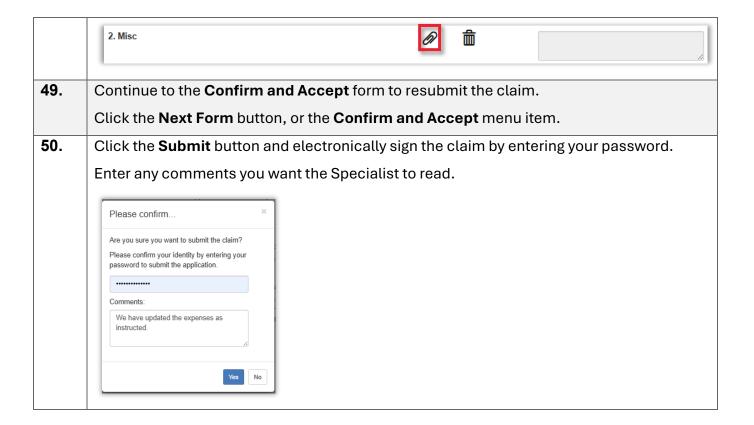


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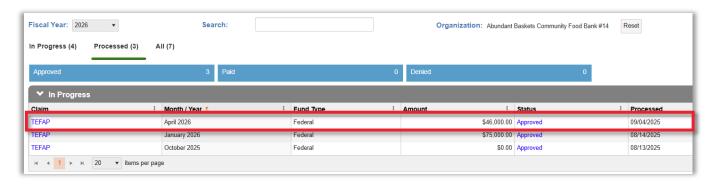
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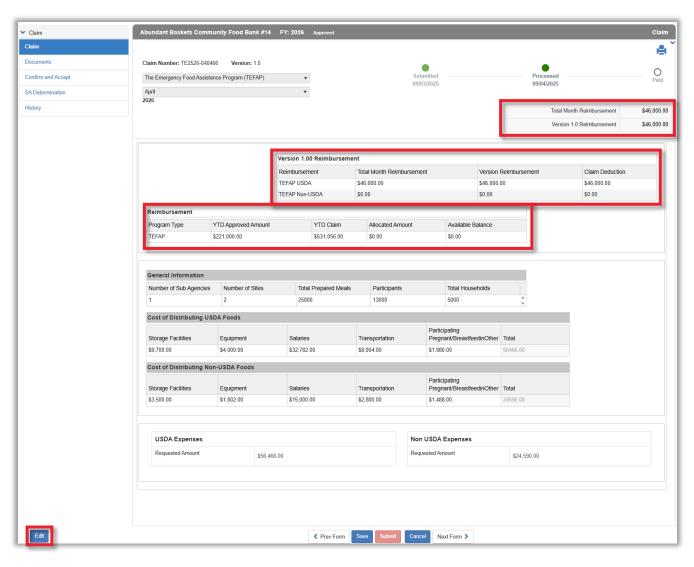


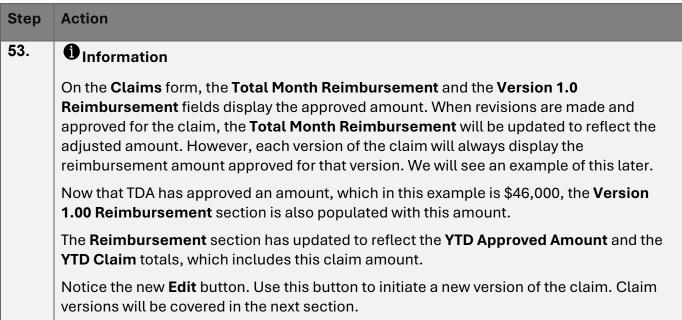


APPROVED CLAIM

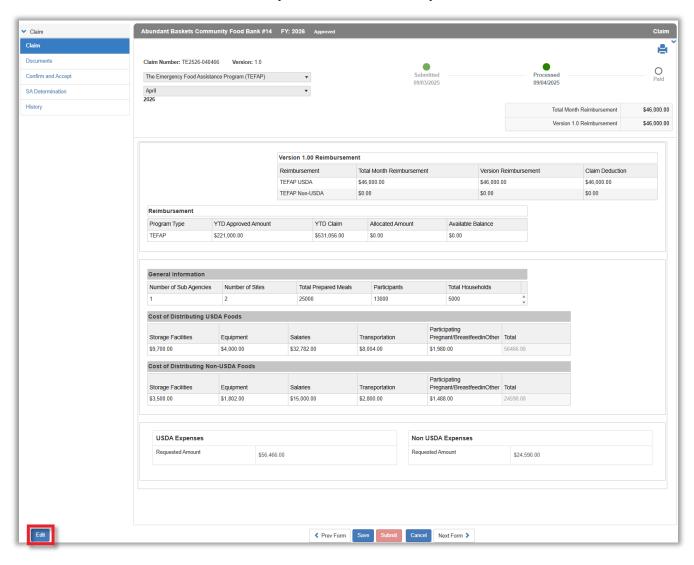


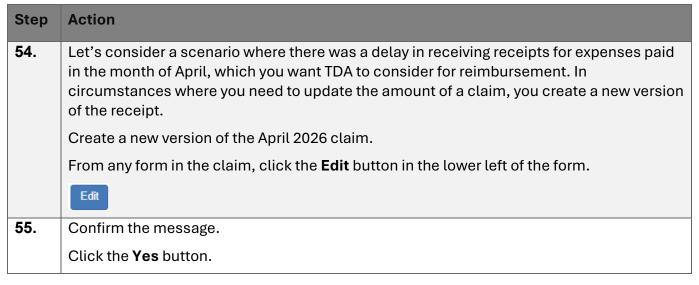
Step	Action
51.	After logging in and navigating to the Claims Dashboard, filter for approved claims by clicking the Processed filter tab and the Approved filter button.
	The Amount column displays the amount approved for payment for this claim.
52.	Review the claim by clicking the Claim link.
	In this example, click the TEFAP link for April 2026.

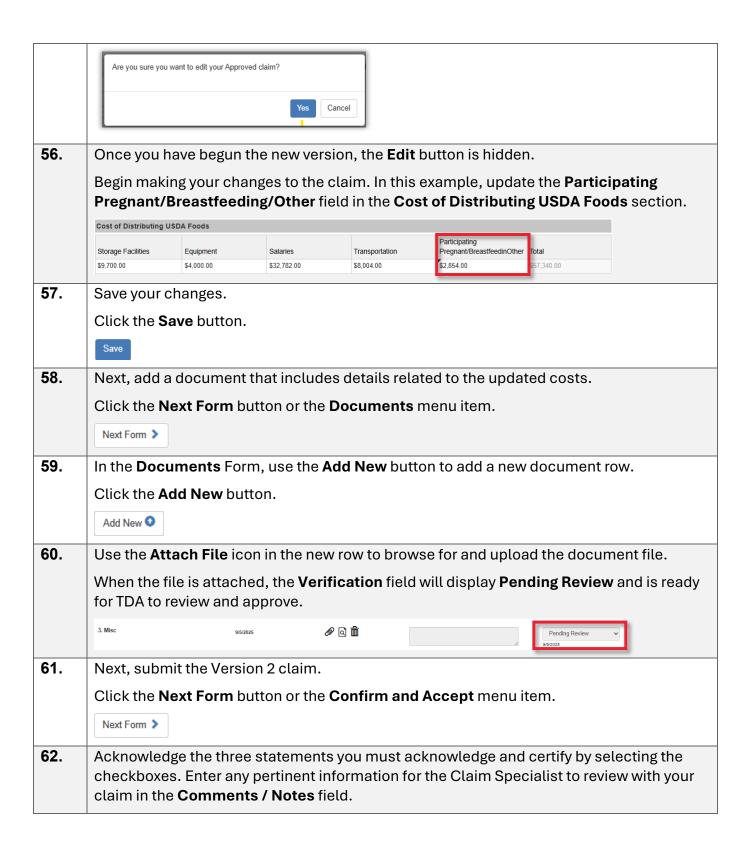


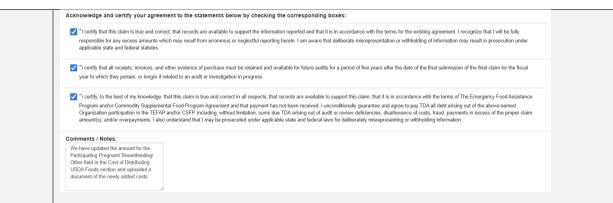


UPDATING AN EXISTING CLAIM (CLAIM VERSIONS)





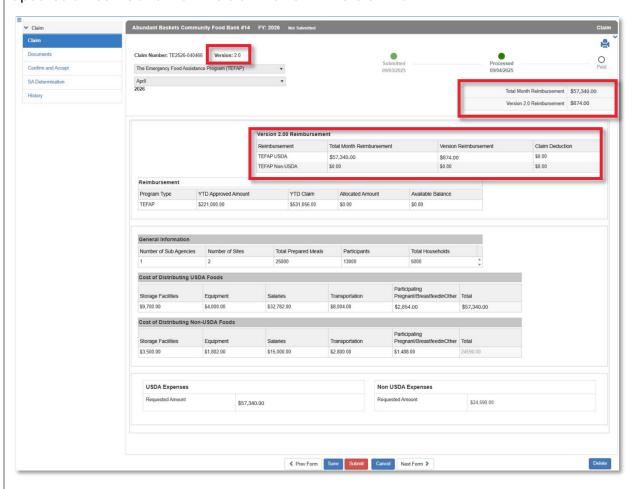




Click the **Submit** button and electronically sign the claim by entering your password.

The claim status is now **Submitted** and is available to the Specialist for review.

After the Specialist reviews the claim and approves the new version, you will see the updated amounts and that this claim is now in Version 2.0.



64. This concludes the FDP Claims Training Guide for Organizations.

In this guide, you learned how to create and submit a claim for a program, modify the claim, resubmit, and review the approved claim. You also learned how to edit a claim that has already been approved.

65. For the latest version of this document and more information about TDA's Claims process in TANS, navigate to <u>TANS Resources and Training</u>.

(https://squaremeals.org/FandN-Resources/Systems-Hub/TANS/TANS-Resourcesand-Training)