



Authorization Process

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) will authorize a limited number of vendors. A limited number and appropriate distribution of vendors will assure that vendors are conveniently accessible to clients and that program staff can effectively monitor and ensure vendor compliance.

Steps to becoming an authorized vendor

1. Vendor submits completed Single (independent grocery stores) or Multiple Vendor (chain grocery stores) Application. The application requests the following information:
 - a. Price Stock Report
 - b. Invoices of formula purchases for the past 30 days (formula must be purchased from the Approved Infant Formula Supplier List)
 - c. A copy of Health Operating Permit
 - d. Register Survey
2. ITCA will review the application and complete a needs assessment and ensure the vendor meets limiting selection criteria.
 - a. If needs assessment reflects no need for vendor in requested area, a denial letter will be sent within 90 days of application. If needs assessment reflects a need for a vendor, the application process will continue.
3. ITCA will complete an initial Vendor Site Review (on site visit) for new applicants only.
4. The vendor will receive an x9 number to begin working with their POS provider to accept eWIC.
5. The vendor must attend a mandatory training provided by the ITCA WIC Vendor Manager.
6. ITCA will do another on site visit to test eWIC capability and to certify the register.
 - a. Authorization will not continue until the vendor receives a successful register certification.
7. Vendor is notified of approval of application within 90 days. Contract is then sent to store/owner for signature.

**The vendor will not be authorized if ITCA cannot satisfactorily verify the information on the application or the vendor fails to participate in the scheduled training session, or if their POS device cannot be certified.*

