

BLS Consumer Spending Diary Screenshots – Desktop

Introduction Screen:

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Thank you for agreeing to participate in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Spending Diary!

The Spending Diary is being hosted by our partner, Westat. Please use this survey link to access the Spending Diary over the next two weeks. You will be taken directly to the Spending Diary when you use the survey link in the future.

The Spending Diary is used to get a sense of the spending habits of households in the United States. You should record in the diary any expenses that you may have for each day over the next two weeks. If you do not have expenses for a given week, please report that as well. You will earn 50,000 survey points for reporting your information over your two-week Spending Diary period. We encourage you to access your diary each day, but spending can be entered for a few days at a time at your convenience.

If you have questions, please select the 'Help' option in the Spending Diary itself.

Please click the next button below to be taken to the Spending Diary.

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If you would like to familiarize yourself with the Spending Diary, you may review the User Guide at the following link:

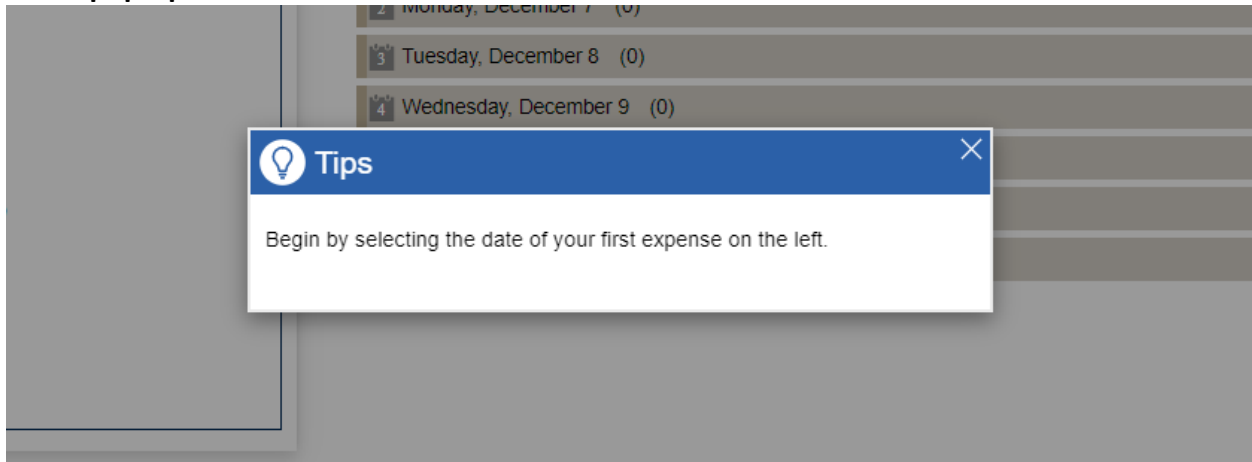
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There are also several video tutorials that may help you with completing the Spending Diary:

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The User Guide and video tutorial links will also be available under 'Help' in the Spending Diary.

Initial pop-up:



Summary screen:



Add Expenses Week 1 Week 2

Select date of expense:

- 1 Sunday, December 6
- 2 Monday, December 7
- 3 Tuesday, December 8
- 4 Wednesday, December 9
- 5 Thursday, December 10
- 6 Friday, December 11
- 7 Saturday, December 12

Expenses Week 1 Week 2

- 1 Sunday, December 6 (0) ▾
- 2 Monday, December 7 (0) ▾
- 3 Tuesday, December 8 (0) ▾
- 4 Wednesday, December 9 (0) ▾
- 5 Thursday, December 10 (0) ▾
- 6 Friday, December 11 (0) ▾
- 7 Saturday, December 12 (0) ▾

Select Date:

Add Expenses Week 1 Week 2

Date:

Business:

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home *i*
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption *i*
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories *i*
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses *i*

Expenses Week 1 Week 2

1	Sunday, December 6	(0)	▼
2	Monday, December 7	(0)	▼
3	Tuesday, December 8	(0)	▼
4	Wednesday, December 9	(0)	▼
5	Thursday, December 10	(0)	▼
6	Friday, December 11	(0)	▼
7	Saturday, December 12	(0)	▼

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home Category:

Add Expenses Week 1 Week 2

Date:

Business:

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home** *i*
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption *i*
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories *i*
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses *i*

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) *i*
\$

Select Type of Vendor: *i*

Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession

Full Service Places

Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors

Employer or School Cafeteria

Select any alcohol included:

None Wine Beer Other


Enter the total cost of the alcohol:
\$

Save

Expenses Week 1 Week 2

1	Sunday, December 6	(0)	▼
2	Monday, December 7	(0)	▼
3	Tuesday, December 8	(0)	▼
4	Wednesday, December 9	(0)	▼
5	Thursday, December 10	(0)	▼
6	Friday, December 11	(0)	▼
7	Saturday, December 12	(0)	▼

Food and Drinks for Home Consumption Category:



Spending Diary

Logout Help

OMB No.: XXXXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

Add Expenses
Week 1
Week 2

Date: Monday, December 7 ▼

Business: Corner Grocery

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home i
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption i
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories i
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses i

Details:

Describe item or expense i

Total cost (do not include tax) i

\$

How was the item packaged?

Fresh Frozen
 Bottled/Canned Other

✔ Save


Expenses

Enter search term

🔍
▼
Week 1
Week 2

1 Sunday, December 6 (4)	▼
2 Monday, December 7 (1)	▲
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> \$ <div style="flex-grow: 1;">2021 tax services</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">\$500.00</div> 🗑️ ✎ </div>	
3 Tuesday, December 8 (3)	▼
4 Wednesday, December 9 (0)	▼
5 Thursday, December 10 (0)	▼
6 Friday, December 11 (0)	▼
7 Saturday, December 12 (0)	▼

Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories Category:



Spending Diary

Logout Help

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Add Expenses
Week 1
Week 2

Date: Sunday, December 6 ▼

Business: My Local Sneaker Shop

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home i
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption i
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories i
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses i

Details:

Describe item or expense i

Total cost (do not include tax) i

\$

Was this item for:

Child under 2 Boy 2-15
 Girl 2-15 Man 16 & over
 Woman 16 & over

✔ Save


Expenses

Enter search term

🔍
▼
Week 1
Week 2

1 Sunday, December 6 (1)	▼
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> ✎ <div style="flex-grow: 1;">Bagel shop</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 10px;">\$4.59</div> 🗑️ ✎ </div>	
2 Monday, December 7 (0)	▼
3 Tuesday, December 8 (0)	▼
4 Wednesday, December 9 (0)	▼
5 Thursday, December 10 (0)	▼
6 Friday, December 11 (0)	▼
7 Saturday, December 12 (0)	▼

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses Category:



Spending Diary

Logout Help

OMB No.: XXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

Add Expenses
Week 1
Week 2

Date: Monday, December 7 ▼

Business: Smith Accountants

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home i
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption i
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories i
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses i

Details:

Describe item or expense i

Total cost (do not include tax) i

\$

Save


Expenses

Enter search term

🔍
Week 1
Week 2

1 Sunday, December 6 (4)	▼
2 Monday, December 7 (0)	▼
3 Tuesday, December 8 (3)	▼
4 Wednesday, December 9 (0)	▼
5 Thursday, December 10 (0)	▼
6 Friday, December 11 (0)	▼
7 Saturday, December 12 (0)	▼

Expenses entered with Delete and Edit options:



Spending Diary

Logout Help

OMB No.: XXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

Add Expenses
Week 1
Week 2

Date: Sunday, December 8 ▼

Business: My Local Sneaker Shop

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home i
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption i
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories i
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses i

Details:

Describe item or expense i

Total cost (do not include tax) i

\$

Was this item for:

Child under 2 Boy 2-15
 Girl 2-15 Man 16 & over
 Woman 16 & over

Save

Expenses

Enter search term

🔍
Week 1
Week 2

1 Sunday, December 8 (2)				
Type	Desc/Business	Cost	Del	Edit
	Nike running shoes	\$75.99	🗑️	✎️
	Bagel shop	\$4.99	🗑️	✎️
2 Monday, December 7 (0)				
3 Tuesday, December 8 (0)				
4 Wednesday, December 9 (0)				
5 Thursday, December 10 (0)				
6 Friday, December 11 (0)				
7 Saturday, December 12 (0)				

No Expenses for the Week Checkbox:

The screenshot shows the 'Spending Diary' interface. At the top, there is a BLS logo and the text 'Spending Diary'. On the right, there are links for 'Logout' and 'Help', and a notice: 'OMB No.: XXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX'. The main area is divided into 'Add Expenses' and 'Expenses' sections. The 'Add Expenses' section has tabs for 'Week 1' and 'Week 2'. Below it is a list of dates from Sunday, December 6 to Saturday, December 12. The 'Expenses' section has a search bar and tabs for 'Week 1' and 'Week 2'. Below it is a list of dates from Sunday, December 6 to Saturday, December 12. A pop-up message titled 'No Expenses Week 2' is displayed in the center. The message text reads: 'No Expenses Week 2', 'You haven't entered any expenses for Week 2 - Sun Dec 13 to Sat Dec 19.', and 'If you had no expenses during this week, check here '. There is an 'OK' button at the bottom right of the pop-up.

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home (Info Pop-up):

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Foods and Drinks for Home Consumption (Info Pop-up):

The screenshot shows the BLS 'Add Expenses' interface. A pop-up window titled 'Food and Drinks for Home Consumption' is open, listing the following categories:

- grain and bakery products
- eggs and dairy products
- beef, poultry, pork, and other meats
- fruits and vegetables
- fish and seafood
- alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- oils, fats, and dressings
- sugar, sweets, snacks, and other food

The background interface includes the BLS logo, 'Logout Help' links, an 'Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX' notice, a 'Date' field set to 'Thursday, December 10', a 'Business' field with the placeholder 'Enter Business Name', and a 'Select type of expense:' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is currently open, showing options: 'Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home', 'Food and Drinks for Home Consumption', 'Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories', and 'All Other Products, Services, and Expenses'. Below the dropdown is a calendar view for the week of December 7-12, 2014, with 'Week 1' selected.

Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Info Pop-up):

The screenshot shows the BLS 'Add Expenses' interface. A pop-up window titled 'Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories' is open, listing the following categories:

- casual, sportswear, and formal wear
- undergarments and sleepwear
- outdoor, work, and school clothes
- jewelry, accessories, and sewing items
- costumes and uniforms
- shoes

The background interface is similar to the first screenshot, but the 'Select type of expense:' dropdown menu is now set to 'Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories'. The calendar view shows the week of December 7-12, 2014, with 'Week 1' selected.

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Info Pop-up):

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

- medical expenses and supplies
- entertainment and recreation
- utilities and housing expenses
- home appliances, furnishings, and decorative items
- education expenses and supplies
- transportation expenses
- tobacco and smoking supplies
- personal care and hygiene items
- drycleaning and other clothing services

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home (Receipt Pop-up):

Receipt examples

Business
The Village Tavern

Type of Vendor
Full-Service

Date
Fri, Jun 29

Select any alcohol included
Wine and Beer

Enter total cost of alcohol
\$17.25

Total cost
\$128.48

The Village Tavern
123 West Street
Anytown, U.S. 12345

Check: 13986
Table: 11
07:52 PM 06/29/2018

1 Wood Smoked Wings	\$12.00
1 Yellowfin Tuna	\$27.50
2 Roasted Chicken	\$44.00
1 Pinot Grigio	\$9.00
1 SN Pale Ale	\$8.25
Subtotal:	\$100.75
Food Tax:	\$5.01
Alcohol	\$1.72
Sub w/Tax:	\$107.48
Tip:	\$21.00
Total:	\$128.48

Customer Copy

Food and Drinks for Home Consumption (Receipt Pop-up):

Business
Fresh World Market

Describe the food or drink item
Strawberries

How was the item packaged?
Fresh

Total cost
\$2.99

Date
Saturday, Jun 30

Receipt examples

Welcome to Fresh World Market!
Open 24 hours

2909878	EGGS DOZEN	\$3.29
8902981	HSHY COCOA PWDR	\$2.99
8976711	80/20 GRND BEEF	\$9.99
8909878	STRAWBERRIES PINT	\$2.99
8972780	COCA-COLA 2LTR	\$1.19
9808799	B&J FUDGE BRNIE	\$3.48

Net total \$23.93
TAX \$1.44
Total \$25.37

Items: 6
Invoice #01689872019284092348
Date 06/30/18 Time 02:23:12PM Store 168 Reg 12 Trans 1990

Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Receipt Pop-up):

Business
Alchemy

Date
Sunday, Jul 1

Describe item or expense
Sweater

Total Cost
\$21.57

Age
16 & Over

Gender
Female

Receipt examples

alchemy

07/1/2018 3:27:00 PM
Trans: 5220 Store: 0102
Reg: 005
Cashier: 2980

Barcode

CC MERINO CBL SWTR 21.57
35901 0002 1 @ 39.95
Item Discount 46% 18.38
117 Discount Code

Subtotal 21.57

T1 (6.0000%) Tax 1.29
Total Tax 1.29
Total 22.86

Customer Copy

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Receipt Pop-up):

Receipt examples

Business
ValuMart

Date
Thursday, Jun 28

Describe item or expense
Handsoap

Total Cost
\$2.49

Valu-Mart
STORE #419
06/28/2018 5:02PM

Item	Price
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	
003060430 PALMOLIVE	\$3.79
908900298 BNTY PAPER TOWELS	\$16.99
787689081 ZIPLK QT 100CT	\$3.49
787689099 ZIPLK GAL 60CT	\$3.29
980827890 VL KITCHEN TRSH BGS	\$8.99
897689900 CLR HANDSOAP	\$2.49
GROCERY	
071080901 MILK REDUCED GAL	\$6.96
2 @ \$3.13EA	
908190019 CHOBANI GRK YGRT	\$4.97
HEALTH BEAUTY COSMETICS	
290981789 MAYBELL SHDW MAUVE	\$6.98
MISC	
098780128 IAMS DRY CAT FOOD	\$8.99
10%OFF \$9.99	
SUBTOTAL	\$66.34
MD TAX 6.000%	\$3.98
TOTAL	\$70.32

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home (Description Pop-up):

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession**
You pay BEFORE you eat/drink
- Full Service Places**
You pay AFTER you eat/drink
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors**
Include vending machines, carts, & trucks that move from place to place
- Employer and School Cafeterias**
Includes school meal pre-payments

Foods and Drinks for Home Consumption (Description Pop-up):

The screenshot shows the BLS system interface. A blue pop-up window with a shopping cart icon is centered on the screen. The pop-up title is "Food and Drinks for Home Consumption" and it contains the text: "Briefly describe the individual food or drink item purchased such as eggs, orange juice, or ground beef." The background is dimmed, showing the "Add Expenses" form on the left and the "Expenses" list on the right. The "Add Expenses" form includes a date dropdown set to "Thursday, December 10", a business name input field, and a "Select type of expense" dropdown with "Food and Drinks for Home Consumption" selected. The "Expenses" list shows dates from Sunday, December 6 to Saturday, December 12.

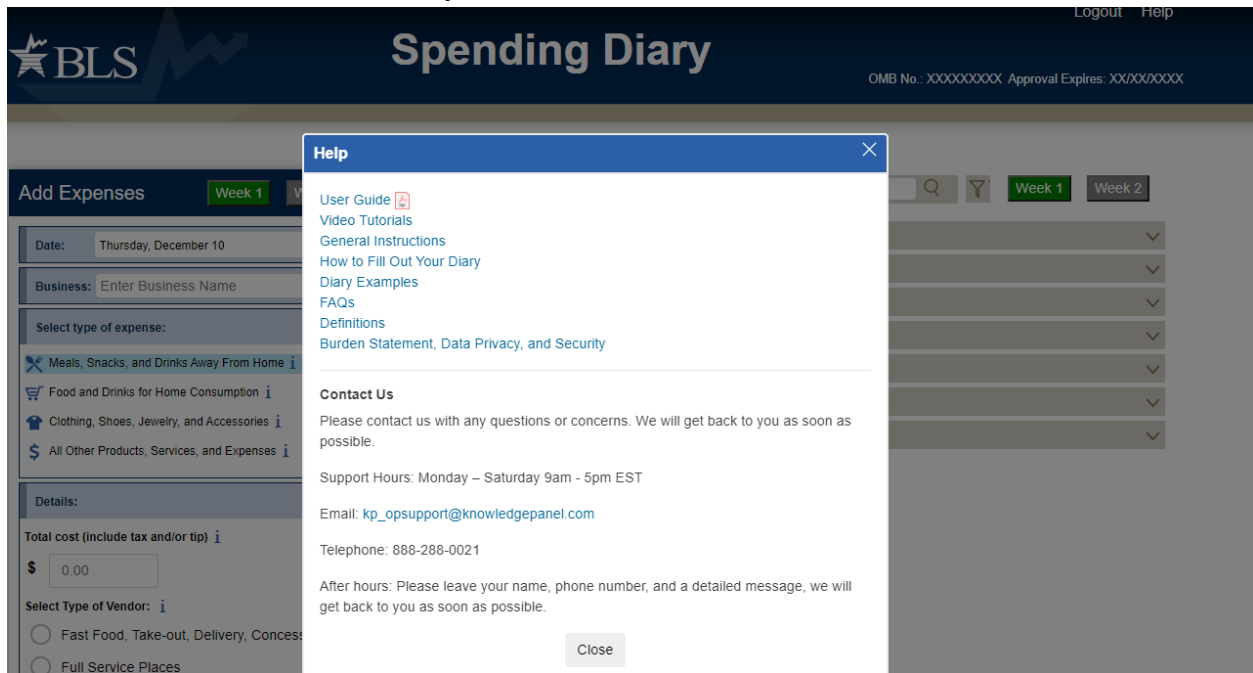
Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Description Pop-up):

The screenshot shows the BLS system interface. A blue pop-up window with a clothing icon is centered on the screen. The pop-up title is "Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories" and it contains the text: "Briefly describe the item purchased such as a sweater, soccer cleats, or necklace." The background is dimmed, showing the "Add Expenses" form on the left and the "Expenses" list on the right. The "Add Expenses" form includes a date dropdown set to "Thursday, December 10", a business name input field, and a "Select type of expense" dropdown with "Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories" selected. The "Expenses" list shows dates from Sunday, December 6 to Tuesday, December 8.

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Description Pop-up):

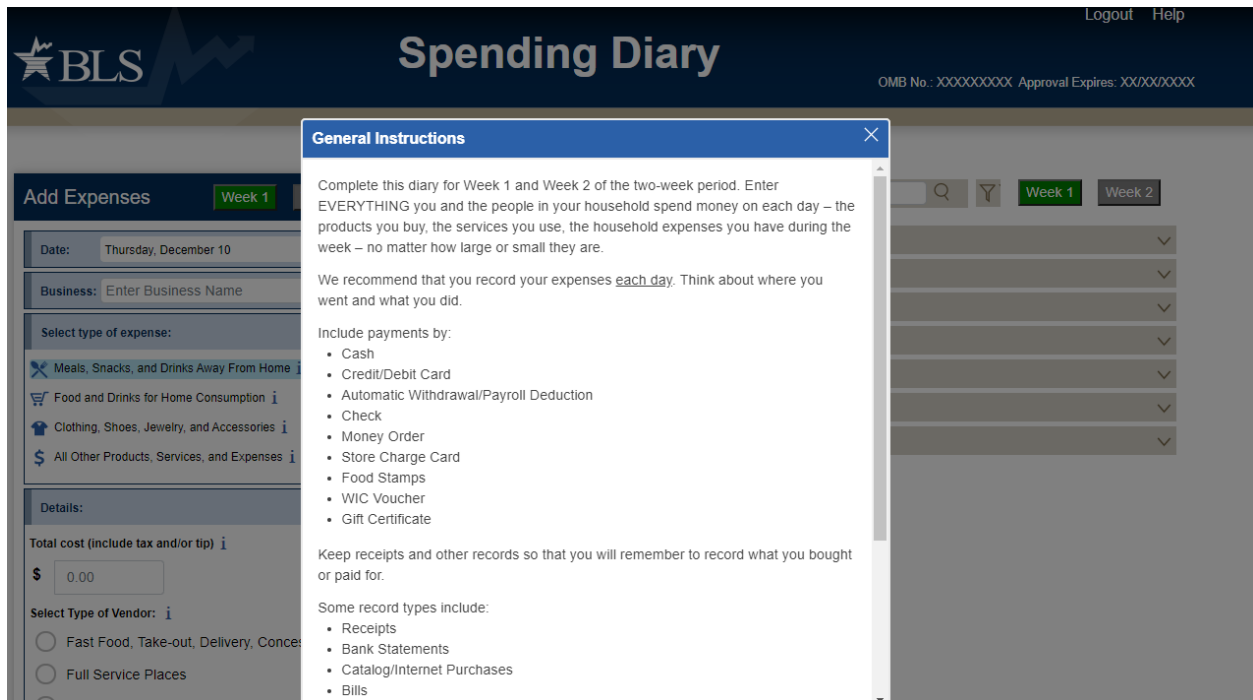
The screenshot shows the BLS system interface. A blue pop-up window with a dollar sign icon is centered on the screen. The pop-up title is "All Other Products, Services, and Expenses" and it contains the text: "Briefly describe the item or expense such as paper towels, textbook, prescription medicine, cigarettes, or electric bill." The background is dimmed, showing the "Add Expenses" form on the left and the "Expenses" list on the right. The "Add Expenses" form includes a date dropdown set to "Thursday, December 10", a business name input field, and a "Select type of expense" dropdown with "All Other Products, Services, and Expenses" selected. The "Expenses" list shows dates from Sunday, December 6 to Wednesday, December 9.

Contact Us link accessible via Help:



The screenshot shows the 'Spending Diary' application interface. At the top right, there are links for 'Logout' and 'Help'. The main header features the BLS logo and the title 'Spending Diary'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with 'Add Expenses' and 'Week 1' buttons. A 'Help' modal window is open, displaying a list of help topics: 'User Guide', 'Video Tutorials', 'General Instructions', 'How to Fill Out Your Diary', 'Diary Examples', 'FAQs', 'Definitions', and 'Burden Statement, Data Privacy, and Security'. The 'Contact Us' link is highlighted in blue. Below the list, the 'Contact Us' section provides contact information: 'Please contact us with any questions or concerns. We will get back to you as soon as possible.', 'Support Hours: Monday – Saturday 9am - 5pm EST', 'Email: kp_opsupport@knowledgepanel.com', and 'Telephone: 888-288-0021'. A 'Close' button is located at the bottom of the modal.

General Instructions:



The screenshot shows the 'Spending Diary' application interface with the 'General Instructions' modal window open. The modal contains the following text: 'Complete this diary for Week 1 and Week 2 of the two-week period. Enter EVERYTHING you and the people in your household spend money on each day – the products you buy, the services you use, the household expenses you have during the week – no matter how large or small they are.' It also states: 'We recommend that you record your expenses each day. Think about where you went and what you did.' The modal lists payment methods: 'Include payments by: Cash, Credit/Debit Card, Automatic Withdrawal/Payroll Deduction, Check, Money Order, Store Charge Card, Food Stamps, WIC Voucher, Gift Certificate'. It further advises: 'Keep receipts and other records so that you will remember to record what you bought or paid for.' Finally, it lists record types: 'Some record types include: Receipts, Bank Statements, Catalog/Internet Purchases, Bills'. The modal has a 'Close' button at the bottom right.

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General Instructions

- Automatic Withdrawal/Payroll Deduction
- Check
- Money Order
- Store Charge Card
- Food Stamps
- WIC Voucher
- Gift Certificate

Keep receipts and other records so that you will remember to record what you bought or paid for.

Some record types include:

- Receipts
- Bank Statements
- Catalog/Internet Purchases
- Bills
- Credit Card Statements
- Pay Stubs

Include items that you bought for people who are not in your household, such as gifts.

DO NOT RECORD:

- ♦ Expenses while you were away from home overnight.
- ♦ Business or farm operating expenses
- ♦ Sales tax except for Meals, Snack, and Drinks Away from Home.

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip)

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concessions
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors
- Employer or School Cafeteria

How to Fill Out Your Diary:

BLS Spending Diary Logout Help OMB No.: XXXXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XXXX

How To Fill Out Your Diary

For each category, please record:

- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.
 - ✓ Describe the item.
 - ✓ Enter the cost without tax and deduct any discounts or coupons.
 - ✓ Mark whether the item was fresh, frozen, bottled/canned, or other.
- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the restaurant or vendor where this meal was purchased.
 - ✓ Enter the total cost with tax and tip.
 - ✓ Mark one of the four choices that best describes where this meal was purchased.
 - ✓ If alcohol was part of purchase, check whether it was wine, beer, and/or other alcohol and enter the total cost of the alcohol.
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.
 - ✓ Describe the item and enter the cost without tax.
 - ✓ Mark the appropriate sex and age range of the person for whom the item was bought.
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip)

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concessions
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors
- Employer or School Cafeteria

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Spending Diary

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Diary Examples ✕

other carbonated beverages, fruit-flavored beverages, instant & ground coffee, tea, etc.)

- **Alcoholic Beverages** (beer, champagne, liqueurs, whiskey, wine, etc.)
- **Food & Beverages Purchases as Gifts for someone not in your household** (candy, cheese, fruit baskets, wine, etc.)

2. Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home

- **Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession** (you pay BEFORE you eat/drink)
- **Full Service Places** (you pay AFTER you eat/drink)
- **Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors** (include vending machines, carts, & trucks that move from place to place)
- **Employer and School Cafeterias** (includes school meal pre-payments)

3. Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories

- **Casual, Sportswear, Formal** (dress, pants, shirt, shorts, suit, sweater, etc.)
- **Undergarments & Sleep Clothes** (hosiery, lingerie, pajamas, socks, etc.)
- **Outdoor, Work, School, Costumes** (coat, jacket, thermals, uniform, windbreaker, etc.)
- **Shoes** (boots, dress, sandals, slippers, sneakers, etc.)
- **Jewelry, Accessories, & Sewing Items** (belt, buttons, hairpiece, hat, ring, thread, umbrella, etc.)

4. All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

- **Medicines, Medical Supplies & Services** (bandages, canes & other medical equipment, doctor & dentist services, prescription eyeglasses, health insurance, prescription drugs, ointments, vitamins, wheelchairs, etc.)

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) i

\$

Select Type of Vendor: i

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places

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Spending Diary

OMB No.: XXXXXXXX Approval Expires: XX/XX/XX

Diary Examples ✕

other carbonated beverages, fruit-flavored beverages, instant & ground coffee, tea, etc.)

- **Jewelry, Accessories, & Sewing Items** (belt, buttons, hairpiece, hat, ring, thread, umbrella, etc.)

4. All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

- **Medicines, Medical Supplies & Services** (bandages, canes & other medical equipment, doctor & dentist services, prescription eyeglasses, health insurance, prescription drugs, ointments, vitamins, wheelchairs, etc.)
- **Entertainment/Amusements & Sports/Recreation** (admissions to movies, clubs, sporting & cultural events, camping, CDs, concert tickets, hunting, sports & exercise equipment, tapes, toys, TVs, video/stereo equipment, video purchase/rental, etc.)
- **Housekeeping Supplies & Services** (bathroom tissue, brooms, laundry & cleaning detergents, light bulbs, maid service, mops, paper towels, sponges, etc.)
- **Housewares & Small Household Appliances** (blenders, coffee makers, cooking utensils, dinnerware, glassware, irons, utensils, pots & pans, telephones, toasters, etc.)
- **School Expenses** (daycare, high school & college tuition, room & board, school supplies, textbooks, etc.)
- **Transportation Expenses** (airline fares, buses, car rental, commuter fares, new & used cars, maintenance and repair, parking fees, taxis, tolls, train fares, etc.)
- **Personal Care Products & Services** (cosmetics, dental products, deodorants, hair care products, hand soap, men's & women's haircuts, perfume, shaving products, skin care products, etc.)
- **Clothing Services** (alterations, dry cleaning, shoe repairs, storage, tailoring, etc.)

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) i

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Select Type of Vendor: i

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors
- Employer or School Cafeteria

Select any alcohol included:

- None
- Wine

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- perfume, shaving products, skin care products, etc.)
- **Clothing Services** (alterations, dry cleaning, shoe repairs, storage, tailoring, etc.)
 - **Tobacco & Smoking Supplies** (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smoking accessories, tobacco, etc.)
 - **Gasoline, Oil & Additives** (brake fluid, coolants, gasoline, motor oil, etc.)
 - **Home Furnishings, Decorative Items, Linens & Major Appliances** (artwork, clocks, curtains, lamps, picture frames, pillows, plants, refrigerators, rugs, sheets, sofas, stoves, table cloths, tables, towels, vases, etc.)
 - **Home Maintenance, Hardware, Lawn Supplies & Services** (hand tools, improvement & repair equipment, lawn/garden equipment, nails, power tools, screws, supplies, services, etc.)
 - **Housing Expenses** (cable service, electricity, garbage removal, heating/cooling, insurance, maintenance fees, mortgage payments, property taxes, rent, telephone, etc.)
 - **All Other Expenses** (alteration and repair of household furnishings, ATM service fees, babysitting, books, club dues, diaper services, donations, legal & accounting fees, magazines, newspapers, pet supplies & veterinary services, photographic supplies, postage, sewing goods, shipping & handling, stationery, etc.)

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Select date of expense:

- 1 Sunday, December 6
- 2 Monday, December 7
- 3 Tuesday, December 8
- 4 Wednesday, December 9
- 5 Thursday, December 10
- 6 Friday, December 11
- 7 Saturday, December 12

Expenses

- 1 Sunday, December 6 (0)
- 2 Monday, December 7 (0)

Frequently Asked Questions
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- 1. How detailed should my descriptions be?**

Refer to the [Examples Page](#) for examples of the level of detail needed in each part. Do not rely solely on brand names.
- 2. How can I delete or make changes to an expense that I've saved?**

Locate the saved expense listed under the relevant date in the Expenses section of the main page. To delete the expense, click on the trash can icon next to the cost and select 'ok' to confirm. To make any changes, click on the pencil icon next to the trash can. Make any changes in the Edit Expense box and click the 'Update' button to save your changes.
- 3. How should I record multiple quantities?**

You may group identical items on the same entry and enter a total cost of all the items, or you may write each item on a separate entry with the individual cost.
- 4. How should I record pre-payments such as a subway fare card?**

Record the expense when you pay for it, not when you use it.
- 5. How should I record credit card purchases?**

Record the purchase on the day that you use your credit card to pay for it, not the day you receive or pay your credit card bill.
- 6. Should I record automatic deductions taken from my paycheck or bank account?**

Yes, record automatic deductions (such as health insurance premiums taken out of your account or paycheck) only if they are deducted that week. Write

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Yes, record automatic deductions (such as health insurance premiums taken out of your account or paycheck) only if they are deducted that week. Write them in the section called All Other Products, Services, and Expenses.

7. Should I record typical monthly bills?
Yes, record typical monthly bills only if you pay them during the week that you have the diary. Enter them in the section called All Other Products, Services, and Expenses.

8. What should I do when I use coupons, discount cards, or loyalty cards?
Subtract the discount from the original price and enter the amount that you paid.

9. Can I just give you receipts instead of entering the information online?
No, we need you to enter the information into the online diary. We encourage you to save your receipts to remember to record what you bought or paid for.

10. How should I record items if I don't know whether it includes tax?
Write down the amount paid.

11. What if I make a contribution or charitable donation?
Record money contributions or donations in the section called All Other Products, Services, and Expenses.

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip)

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concessions
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors

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12. What about gift certificates or gift cards?
If you buy a gift certificate to give to someone, enter it as a regular expense. If you buy a gift certificate to give to someone, write down the cost of it under the appropriate section (e.g., a certificate to a clothing store would go under Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories and a certificate to a department store would go under All Other Products, Services, and Expenses. If you use a gift card, enter the full amount for your purchase as if paid with cash.

13. What do I do about returns and exchanges?
If an item is bought and returned during the diary period, it can be deleted (see FAQ 2). If it was bought outside the diary period and returned during the period, do not make any entry. If an item is exchanged during the diary period, change or edit the item that was returned to the new item and its cost on the day the exchange was made (see FAQ 2).

14. Should I record subsidized/reimbursed expenses?
Yes, but if someone not in your household pays for or helps pay for an expense or if you will be reimbursed for an expense, only record the amount that you or someone in your household has to pay.

15. What should I do about shipping & handling costs?
Include the shipping & handling cost in the total price of the item. If the shipping & handling covered multiple items, include the shipping & handling in the total price of one item from the order.

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Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip)

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concessions
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- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors

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16. How do I know what items to report for each type of expense?
Click or tap on the icon next to each expense type category.

17. What's the difference between a concession stand and a mobile vendor?
A concession stand has to stay in a permanent location and a mobile vendor does not. Some mobile vendors may seem permanent because they are usually in the same location, but they are still considered mobile vendors because they have the option to change locations.

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Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) \$ 0.00

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors

Definitions:

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Definitions

1. Date Purchased – select the date from this list on which the meal or item was purchased. The dates available reflect the data collection period for your household's diary keeping period.

2. Describe item or expense – Type in a brief description of your purchase. Be as specific as possible.

3. Select Type of Vendor (Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home) – Select the type of vendor for the Meals, Snacks and Drinks Away from Home that was purchased by someone in your household. For example: Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession (You pay BEFORE you eat/drink); Full Service Places (You pay AFTER you eat/drink); Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors (Include vending machines, carts, and trucks that move from place to place); or Employer or School Cafeteria (Includes school meal pre-payments).

4. Select any alcohol included? (Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home) – If alcohol was purchased in addition to the meal, tap the appropriate box to select which alcohol was included. If more than one type of alcohol beverage was included (e.g. beer, wine, or other) you may select multiple categories.

5. Is this item? (Food and Drinks for Home Consumption) – Select the nature or type of packaging for the Food and Drinks for Home Consumption that was purchased. For example: Fresh, Frozen, Bottled/Canned, or Other.

6. Business (Enter Business Name) - Type in the name of the store, restaurant, or website where the item was purchased.

Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) \$ 0.00

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors

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Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business:

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) \$

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places

Definitions

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7. **Was the item for:** (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories) – Select the age range and gender of the person for which clothing, shoes, jewelry, or accessories was purchased. For example: Under 2 years old, Boy 2 to 15 years old, Girl 2 to 15 years old, Man 16 year and over, or Woman 16 year and over.

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Add Expenses Week 1

Date: Thursday, December 10

Business:

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip) \$

Burden Statement, Data Privacy, and Security

How long will the survey take?
 We expect that it will take about 10 minutes per day to record your expenditures in the diary.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

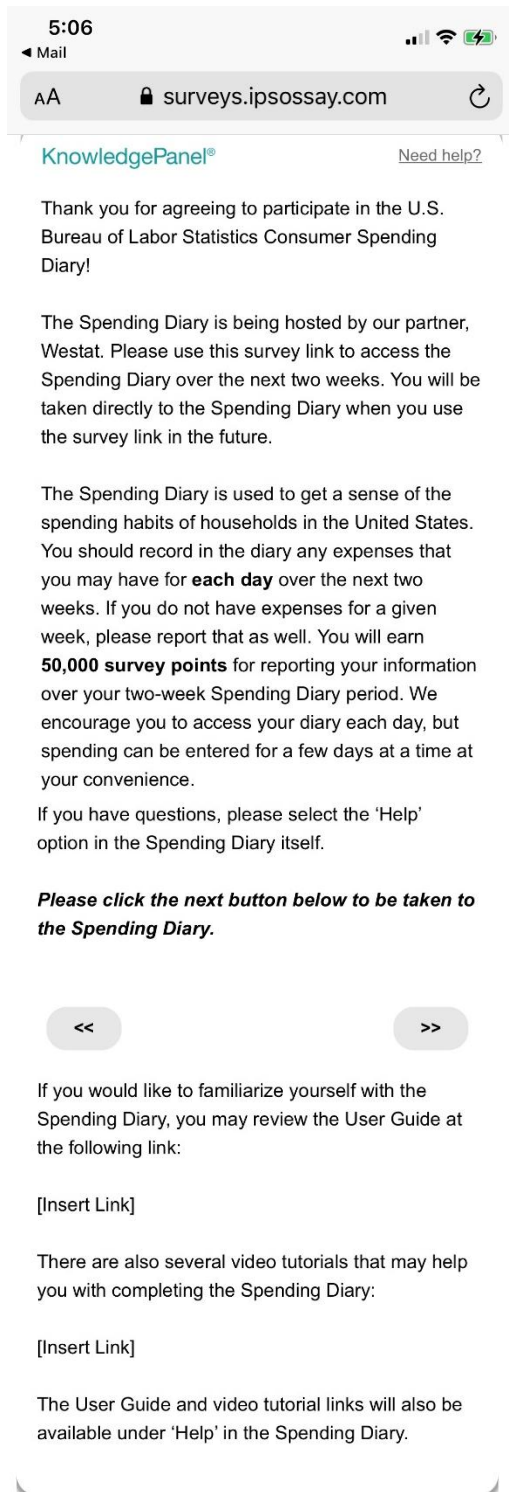
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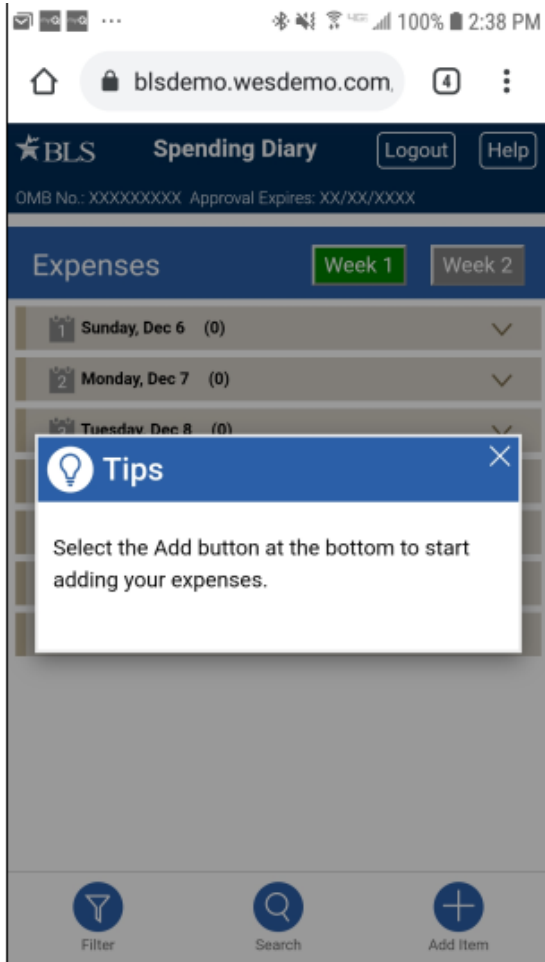
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BLS Consumer Spending Diary Screenshots – Mobile

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Initial pop-up:



Summary Screen:

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1	Sunday, Dec 6	(4)	▼
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4	Wednesday, Dec 9	(0)	▼
5	Thursday, Dec 10	(0)	▼
6	Friday, Dec 11	(0)	▼
7	Saturday, Dec 12	(0)	▼



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Add Expenses [Week 1](#) [Week 2](#)

Select date of expense:

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Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home Category:

Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home

- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Total cost (include tax and/or tip)

\$ 0.00

Select Type of Vendor:

- Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
- Full Service Places
- Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors
- Employer or School Cafeteria

Select any alcohol included:

- None
- Wine
- Beer
- Other

Enter the total cost of the alcohol:

\$ 0.00

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Food and Drinks for Home Consumption Category:

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Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- 🍴 Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home ⓘ
- 🛒 **Food and Drinks for Home Consumption ⓘ**
- 👕 Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories ⓘ
- 💰 All Other Products, Services, and Expenses ⓘ

Details:

Describe item or expense ⓘ

Enter description



Total cost (do not include tax) ⓘ

\$ 0.00

How was the item packaged?

Fresh Frozen

Bottled/Canned Other

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Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories Category:

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Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories**
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses

Details:

Describe item or expense

Enter description

Total cost (do not include tax)

\$ 0.00

Was this item for:

Child under 2 Boy 2-15

Girl 2-15 Man 16 & over

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All Other Products, Services, and Expenses Category:

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Add Expenses Week 1 Week 2

Date: Sunday, Dec 6

Business: Enter Business Name

Select type of expense:

- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home
- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses**

Details:

Describe item or expense

Enter description

Total cost (do not include tax)

\$ 0.00

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Expenses entered with Delete and Edit options:













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Expenses Week 1 Week 2

1 Sunday, Dec 6 (4) ^

Type	<u>Desc/Business</u>	<u>Cost</u>	Del	Edit
	Bread	\$2.49		
	Tires	\$400.00		
	Nike running shoes	\$75.99		
	Bagel shop	\$4.59		

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3 Tuesday, Dec 8 (3) v

4 Wednesday, Dec 9 (0) v

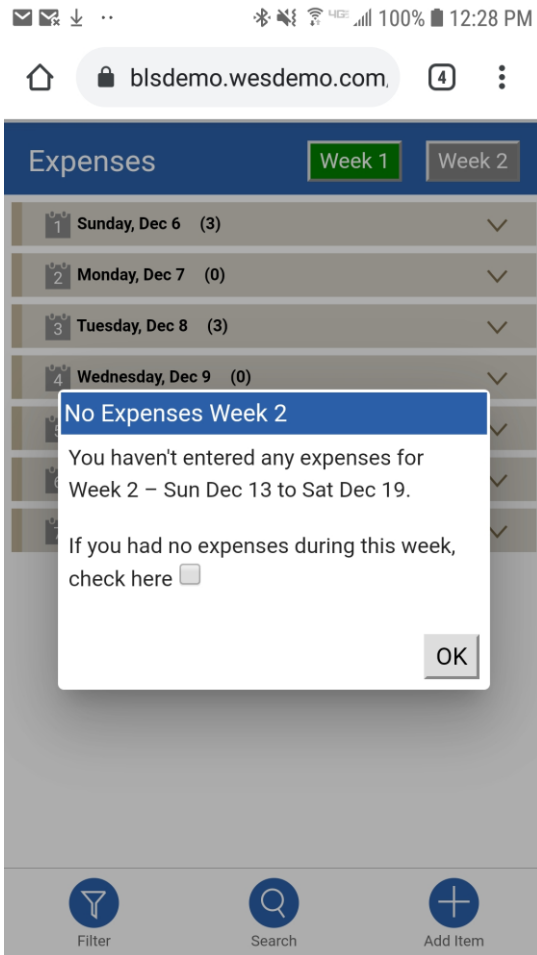
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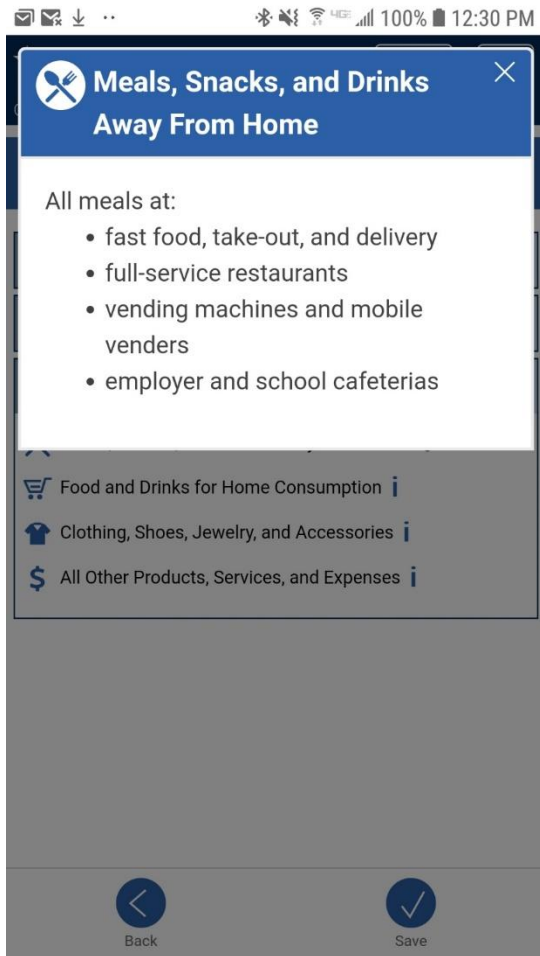
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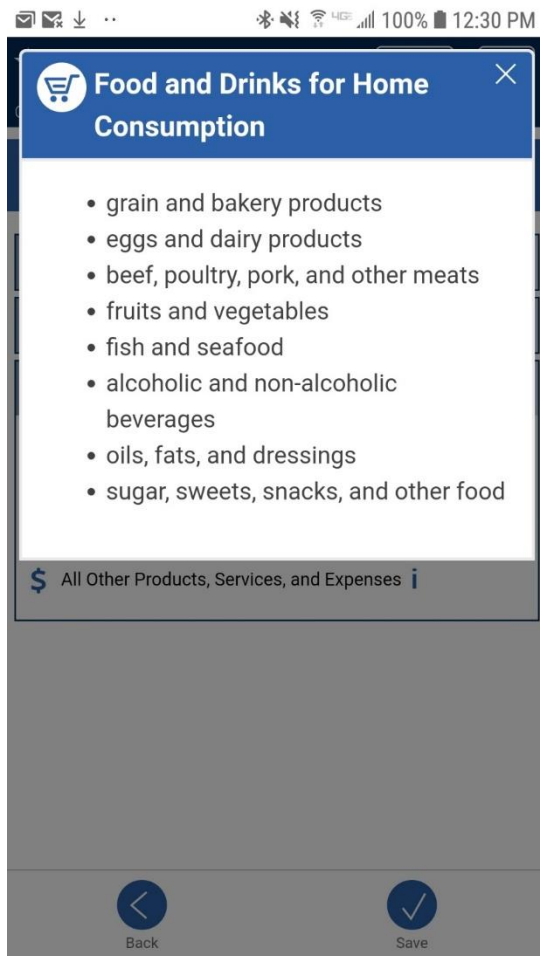
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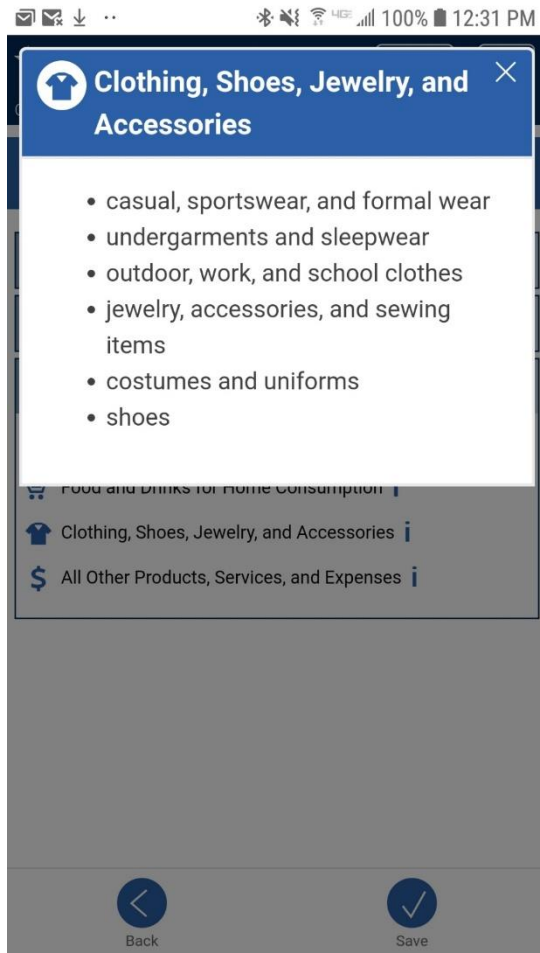
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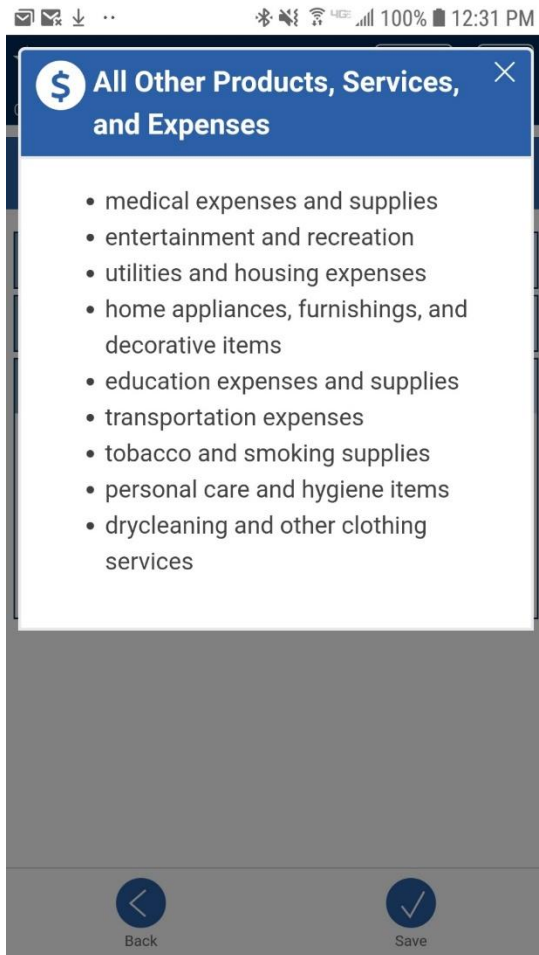
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Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Info Pop-up):



All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Info Pop-up):



Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home (Receipt Pop-up):

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Receipt examples
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Business

The Village Tavern

Type of Vendor

Full-Service

Date

Fri, Jun 29

Select any alcohol included

Wine and Beer

Enter total cost of alcohol

\$17.25

Total cost

\$128.48

The Village Tavern
 123 West Street
 Anytown, U.S. 12345

Check: 13986
 Table: 11

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1 Wood Smoked Wings	\$12.00
1 Yellowfin Tuna	\$27.50
2 Roasted Chicken	\$44.00
1 Pinot Grigio	\$9.00
1 SN Pale Ale	\$8.25
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Subtotal:	\$100.75
Food Tax:	\$5.01
Alcohol	\$1.72
Sub w/Tax:	\$107.48
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Tip:	\$21.00
Total:	\$128.48

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Select any alcohol included:

None Wine

Beer Other

Enter the total cost of the alcohol:

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Foods and Drinks for Home Consumption (Receipt Pop-up):

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Receipt examples

Business Fresh World Market	Fresh World Market
Describe the food or drink item Strawberries	2909878 EGGS DOZEN \$3.29 8902981 HSHY COCOA PWDR \$2.99 8976711 80/20 GRND BEEF \$9.99 8999678 STRAWBERRIES PINT \$2.99 8972780 COCA-COLA ZLTR \$1.19 9808799 B&J FLUDGE BRNE \$3.48
How was the item packaged? Fresh	Net total \$23.93 TAX \$1.44 Total \$25.37
Total cost \$2.99	Items: 6 Invoice #01689872019284092348 Date Time Store Reg Trans 06/30/18 02:23:12PM 168 12 1990
Date Saturday, Jun 30	

Total cost (do not include tax)

\$ 0.00

How was the item packaged?

Fresh Frozen


Bottled/Canned Other

Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Receipt Pop-up):

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Receipt examples

Business	alchemy
Alchemy	
Date	07/1/2018 3:27:00 PM
Sunday, Jul 1	Trans: 5220 Store: 0102
	Reg: 005
	Cashier: 2980
	
Describe item or expense	CC MERINO CBL SWTR 21.57
Sweater	35901 0002 1 @ 39.95
	Item Discount 46% 18.38
	117 Discount Code
Total Cost	Subtotal 21.57
\$21.57	
Age	T1 (6.0000%) Tax 1.29
16 & Over	Total Tax 1.29
	Total 22.86
Gender	Customer Copy
Female	

Total cost (do not include tax) |

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Was this item for:

Child under 2 Boy 2-15

Girl 2-15 Man 16 & over

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Receipt Pop-up):

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Receipt examples

Business	Valu-Mart
Date	Thursday, Jun 28
Describe item or expense	Handsoap
Total Cost	\$2.49

STORE #419
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HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES		
003050430	PALMOLIVE	\$3.79
908900298	BNTY PAPER TOWELS	\$16.99
787689081	ZIPLK QT 100CT	\$3.49
787689099	ZIPLK GAL EOCT	\$3.29
980827890	VL KITCHEN TRSH BGS	\$8.99
897689900	CLR HANDSOAP	\$2.49
GROCERY		
071082901	MILK REDUCED GAL	\$6.86
	2 @ \$3.13EA	
908190019	CHOBANI GRK YGRT	\$4.97
HEALTH BEAUTY COSMETICS		
290981789	MAYBELLE SHDW MAUVE	\$6.98
MISC		
098780128	IAMS DRY CAT FOOD 10#OFF \$9.99	\$8.99
SUBTOTAL		\$66.34
MD TAX 6.000%		\$3.98
TOTAL		\$70.32


Total cost (do not include tax) |

\$ 0.00

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Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home (Description Pop-up):

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 **Meals, Snacks, and Drinks** ✕
Away From Home

- **Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession**
You pay BEFORE you eat/drink
- **Full Service Places**
You pay AFTER you eat/drink
- **Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors**
Include vending machines, carts, & trucks that move from place to place
- **Employer and School Cafeterias**
Includes school meal pre-payments

Employer or School Cafeteria

Select any alcohol included:


None Wine
 Beer Other

Enter the total cost of the alcohol:

Foods and Drinks for Home Consumption (Description Pop-up):

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 **Food and Drinks for Home Consumption** ✕

Briefly describe the individual food or drink item purchased such as eggs, orange juice, or ground beef.

Details:

Describe item or expense ⓘ

Enter description

Total cost (do not include tax) ⓘ

\$ 0.00

How was the item packaged?

Fresh Frozen

Bottled/Canned Other

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Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories (Description Pop-up):

The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface with a pop-up form. At the top, the browser status bar displays notification icons, signal strength, Wi-Fi, 4G LTE, 100% battery, and the time 12:49 PM. The address bar shows the URL 'blsdemo.wesdemo.com' with a lock icon and a tab indicator showing '4' tabs. The pop-up form has a blue header with a shirt icon and the title 'Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories' and a close button (X). Below the header is a text area with the instruction: 'Briefly describe the item purchased such as a sweater, soccer cleats, or necklace.' Underneath is a grey bar with a dollar sign icon and the text 'All Other Products, Services, and Expenses' followed by an information icon (i). The main form area is titled 'Details:' and contains a section 'Describe item or expense' with an information icon and a text input field containing the placeholder 'Enter description'. Below this is a section 'Total cost (do not include tax)' with an information icon and a currency input field showing '\$ 0.00'. The final section is 'Was this item for:' with four radio button options: 'Child under 2', 'Boy 2-15', 'Girl 2-15', and 'Man 16 & over'. At the bottom of the form are two circular buttons: 'Back' with a left arrow and 'Save' with a checkmark.

All Other Products, Services, and Expenses (Description Pop-up):

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\$ All Other Products, Services, and Expenses ✕

Briefly describe the item or expense such as paper towels, textbook, prescription medicine, cigarettes, or electric bill.

Select type of expense:

- 🍴 Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away From Home ⓘ
- 🛒 Food and Drinks for Home Consumption ⓘ
- 👕 Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories ⓘ
- \$ All Other Products, Services, and Expenses ⓘ**

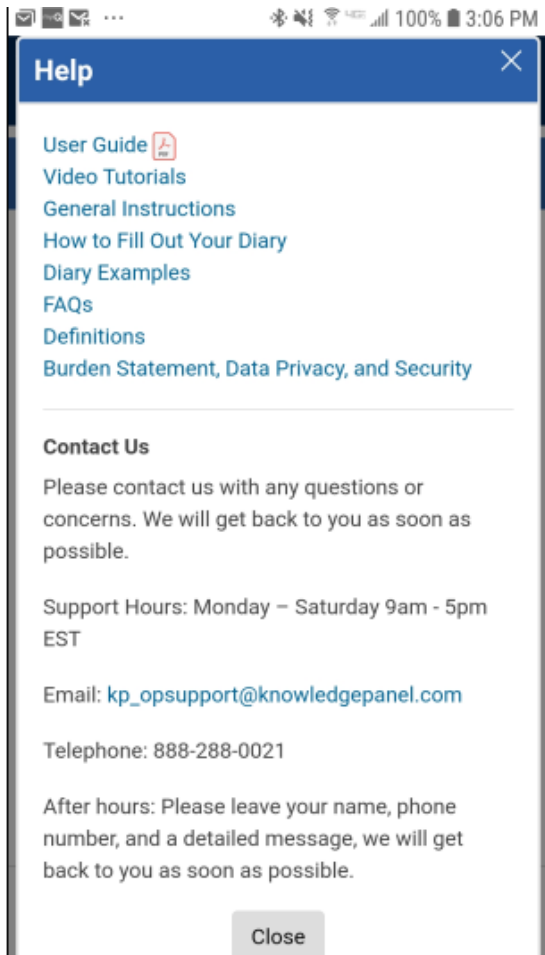
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Describe item or expense ⓘ

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General Instructions:

Complete this diary for Week 1 and Week 2 of the two-week period. Enter EVERYTHING you and the people in your household spend money on each day – the products you buy, the services you use, the household expenses you have during the week – no matter how large or small they are.

We recommend that you record your expenses each day. Think about where you went and what you did.

Include payments by:

- Cash
- Credit/Debit Card
- Automatic Withdrawal/Payroll Deduction
- Check
- Money Order
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Some record types include:

- Receipts
- Bank Statements
- Catalog/Internet Purchases
- Bills
- Credit Card Statements
- Pay Stubs

Include items that you bought for people who are not in your household, such as gifts.

DO NOT RECORD:

- ◆ Expenses while you were away from home overnight.
- ◆ Business or farm operating expenses
- ◆ Sales tax except for Meals, Snack, and Drinks Away from Home.

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For each category, please record:

- Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.
 - ✓ Describe the item.
 - ✓ Enter the cost without tax and deduct any discounts or coupons.
 - ✓ Mark whether the item was fresh, frozen, bottled/canned, or other.
- Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the restaurant or vendor where this meal was purchased.
 - ✓ Enter the total cost with tax and tip.
 - ✓ Mark one of the four choices that best describes where this meal was purchased.
 - ✓ If alcohol was part of purchase, check whether it was wine, beer, and/or other alcohol and enter the total cost of the alcohol.

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- Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
 - ✓ Enter the date of purchase.
 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.
 - ✓ Describe the item and enter the cost without tax.
 - ✓ Mark the appropriate sex and age range of the person for whom the item was bought.
- All Other Products, Services, and Expenses
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 - ✓ Enter the name of the store, business, or website where the item was purchased.
 - ✓ Describe the item and enter the cost without tax.

Diary Examples (partial list):



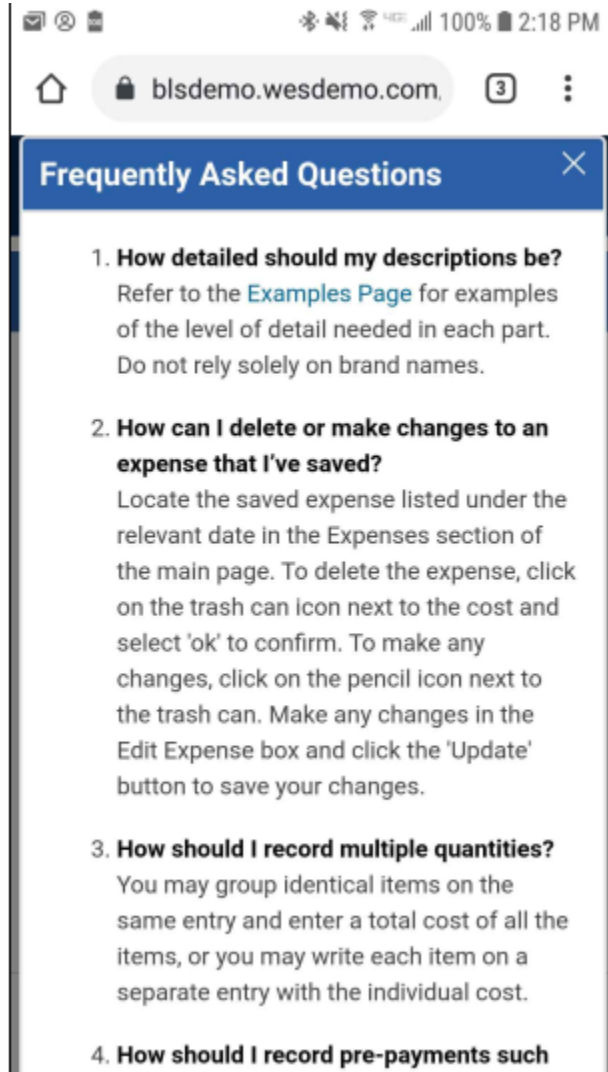
The screenshot shows a mobile application interface with a blue header titled "Diary Examples" and a close button (X). Below the header is a list of food categories under the heading "1. Food and Drinks for Home Consumption". The categories are listed with bullet points and include examples of items in parentheses.

1. **Food and Drinks for Home Consumption**

- **Grain Products** (cake mixes, cereal, cornmeal, flour, pasta, rice, spaghetti, etc.)
- **Bakery Products** (cakes, cookies, frozen waffles, pies, white bread, other bread, etc.)
- **Beef** (briskets, ground beef, round & other roasts, sirloin, etc.)
- **Pork** (bacon, ham, pork chops, sausage, etc.)
- **Poultry** (chicken parts, duck, whole turkey, etc.)
- **Other meats** (bologna, frankfurters, lamb, liverwurst, organ meats, salami, etc.)
- **Fish & Seafood** (fish, shellfish, etc.)
- **Oils, Fats & Dressings** (salad dressing, shortening, vinegar, etc.)
- **Eggs & Dairy Products** (butter, cream, cheese, ice cream, skim milk, powdered milk, etc.)
- **Fruits & Fruit Juices** (apples, bananas, cranberry juice, oranges, orange juice, etc.)

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FAQs (partial list):



The screenshot shows a mobile browser interface. At the top, the status bar displays various icons, signal strength, 100% battery, and the time 2:18 PM. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'blsdemo.wesdemo.com' with a lock icon on the left and a tab indicator with the number '3' on the right. Below the address bar is a blue header with the text 'Frequently Asked Questions' and a close button (X) on the right. The main content area contains four numbered questions and their corresponding answers.

- 1. How detailed should my descriptions be?**
Refer to the [Examples Page](#) for examples of the level of detail needed in each part. Do not rely solely on brand names.
- 2. How can I delete or make changes to an expense that I've saved?**
Locate the saved expense listed under the relevant date in the Expenses section of the main page. To delete the expense, click on the trash can icon next to the cost and select 'ok' to confirm. To make any changes, click on the pencil icon next to the trash can. Make any changes in the Edit Expense box and click the 'Update' button to save your changes.
- 3. How should I record multiple quantities?**
You may group identical items on the same entry and enter a total cost of all the items, or you may write each item on a separate entry with the individual cost.
- 4. How should I record pre-payments such**

Definitions (partial list):

1. **Date Purchased** – select the date from this list on which the meal or item was purchased. The dates available reflect the data collection period for your household’s diary keeping period.

2. **Describe item or expense** – Type in a brief description of your purchase. Be as specific as possible.

3. **Select Type of Vendor** (Meals, Snacks, and Drinks Away from Home) – Select the type of vendor for the Meals, Snacks and Drinks Away from Home that was purchased by someone in your household. For example: Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession (You pay BEFORE you eat/drink); Full Service Places (You pay AFTER you eat/drink); Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors (Include vending machines, carts, and trucks that move from place to place); or Employer or School Cafeteria (Includes school meal pre-payments).

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How long will the survey take?

We expect that it will take about 10 minutes per day to record your expenditures in the diary.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents, and partner statistical agencies, will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act and other applicable Federal laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.

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