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Local Policy: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guideline for 2021

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The attached directive is being issued in draft to give the Workforce Development Community the opportunity to review and comment prior to final issuance.

Submit any comments by email no later than Saturday, September 25, 2021.

All comments received within the comment period will be considered before issuing the final directive. Commenters will not be responded to individually. Rather, a summary of comments will be released with the final directive.

Comments received after the specified due date will not be considered.

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 Include “Draft Directive Comment” in the email subject line.

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If you have any questions, contact Craig Wierenga at 559-713-5200.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I	DATE: August 25, 2021
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

DRAFT WIB DIRECTIVE

TUL 21-07

TO: WIB SUBRECIPIENTS AND WIB STAFF

SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2021 published by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the *Federal Register* on April 9, 2021. This policy also issues the 2021 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the *Federal Register* on February 1, 2021.

This directive applies to all Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Subrecipients of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I activities and services effective on the date of publication in the *Federal Register*, April 9, 2021, and February 1, 2021, respectively.

REFERENCES

- *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), and 134(d)(1)(A)(x).
- *Federal Register*, Volume 86, Number 67, “WIOA 2021 LLSIL” (April 9, 2021).
- *Federal Register*, Volume 86, Number 19, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (February 1, 2021).
- *Employment Development Department of California, WSD 21-01, August 16, 2021, Workforce Services, 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021.*

WIB IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

This directive contains some WIB-imposed requirements. All WIB-imposed requirements are indicated by ***bold, italic*** type

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 20-04 dated April 8, 2020. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria Local Areas use in determining whether an individual is a low-income individual. These criteria include two sets of data: the poverty guidelines, as published by HHS, and 70 percent of the LLSIL, as published by DOL. The Local Areas must use

the higher of these two measures to establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIOA Title I programs.

WIOA requires annual revisions to both sets of data. All Local Areas use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. Metropolitan income levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Non-Metropolitan income levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and non-metropolitan designations, the DOL identifies three MSAs in California that have unique LLSILs; the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA, and the San Diego MSA.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. The Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021 is attached to this directive, Attachment A. Use the highest of either the 70 Percent LLSIL or Poverty Guidelines for the appropriate family size to determine low-income status. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the chart enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
2. ***Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. At a minimum, such criteria must provide that self-sufficiency means employment that pays at least 175 percent of the LLSIL established for Tulare County. Refer to TULWIBD 10-10 for the local definition of self-sufficiency.***

ACTION

Notify all affected staff of the changes to the LLSIL and poverty guidelines in this directive.

INQUIRIES

Please direct inquiries regarding this directive to the WIB at (559) 713-5200.

Adam Peck
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A: Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

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ATTACHMENT: A

70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2021

The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Development Areas (Local Area) use the LLSIL to determine eligibility of youth, eligibility of employed adults for certain services, and self-sufficiency.

Since the income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual's application for WIOA funded services is used for income determination, the chart below shows the six-month, as well as the annual, figures for each family size. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine an individual's eligibility.

Metropolitan Areas							
Local Areas	Fresno County Golden Sierra Consortium Imperial County Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium Kings County Madera County		Merced County Monterey County NoRTEC Consortium North Central Counties Consortium Sacramento City/County Consortium		San Joaquin County San Luis Obispo County Santa Barbara County Stanislaus County Tulare County Yolo County		
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$11,806	\$19,348	\$26,565	\$32,793	\$38,696	\$45,260	\$6,564
6 Months	\$5,903	\$9,674	\$13,283	\$16,397	\$19,348	\$22,630	\$3,282
100%	\$16,866	\$27,640	\$37,949	\$46,847	\$55,281	\$64,658	\$9,377
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$21,960	\$26,500	\$31,040	\$35,580	\$4,540
6 Months	\$6,440	\$8,710	\$10,980	\$13,250	\$15,520	\$17,790	\$2,270