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Local Policy: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guideline for 2018

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 **Monday October 22, 2018**

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.

Email: dlanderos@tularewib.org
Include "Draft Directive Comment" in the email subject line.

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If you have any questions, contact Desiree Landeros at 559-713-5200

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I	DATE: October 5, 2018
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018

WIB DIRECTIVE

TUL 18-05

TO: WIB STAFF AND WIB SERVICE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2018 published by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2018. This policy also issues the 2018 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the *Federal Register* on January 18, 2018.

This directive applies to all WIB Providers of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I activities and services.

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 83, Number 103, “WIOA; LLSIL” (May 29, 2018)*
- *Federal Register, Volume 83, Number 12, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (January 18, 2018)*
- *Employment Development Department of California, Workforce Services, WSD 18-04, August 31, 2017*

(WIB)—IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

This directive contains no WIB-imposed requirements.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 17-07 dated September 13, 2017. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the critical 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.

The 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

The Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018 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.

The WIB policy on the Self-sufficiency Level for Tulare County can be found in WIB Directive WIBD-10-10.

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.

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ATTACHMENT A: Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2018

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70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2018

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. Local Areas should consult the WIOA for more specific guidance.

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, each 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	\$10,900	\$17,864	\$24,526	\$30,277	\$35,727	\$41,787	\$6,060
6 Months	\$5,450	\$8,932	\$12,263	\$15,139	\$17,864	\$20,894	\$3,030
100%	\$15,572	\$25,519	\$35,037	\$43,252	\$51,039	\$59,696	\$8,657
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$12,140	\$16,460	\$20,780	\$25,100	\$29,420	\$33,740	\$4,320
6 Months	\$6,070	\$8,230	\$10,390	\$12,550	\$14,710	\$16,870	\$2,160

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