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**70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2022**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The attached draft directive is being issued to allow the Workforce Development Community to review and comment before final issuance.

Submit any comments by email no later than **Friday, September 2, 2022.**

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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<p><b>WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY</b></p> <p><b>WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I</b></p>	<p><b>DATE:</b></p> <p><b>August 03, 2022</b></p>
	<p><b>SUBJECT:</b></p> <p><b>70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2022</b></p>

**DRAFT WIB DIRECTIVE**

**TUL 22-05**

**TO:** WIB SUBRECIPIENTS AND WIB STAFF

**SUBJECT:** 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2022

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2022 published by the US Department of Labor (DOL) in the Federal Register on April 6, 2022. This policy also issues the 2022 poverty guidelines published by the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 21, 2022.

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 6, 2022, and January 21, 2022, 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 87, Number 66, WIOA 2022 LLSIL (PDF) (April 6, 2022)*
- *Federal Register, Volume 87, Number 14, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (PDF) (January 21, 2022)*
- *Employment Development Department of California, WSD 21-06, July 14, 2022, Workforce Services, 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2022.*

**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 21-07 dated December 8, 2021. Retain this directive until further notice.

**BACKGROUND**

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria Local Areas must use to determine whether an individual is a low-income individual. These criteria include two sets of data: the poverty guidelines as published by HHS, and the 70 percent of the LLSIL, as published by the DOL. The Local Area must use the higher of these two measures to establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of the 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 (MSA) 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**

Follow these steps to determine if a person is a low-income individual:

1. The Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2022 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 the WIB's most current Tulare County Self Sufficiency Level directive.***

## **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 2022

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**70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2022**

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 youth eligibility, 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, each chart below shows the six months, 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 allows the reviewer to immediately determine an individual's eligibility.

<b>Metropolitan Areas</b>							
<b>Local Areas</b>	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 <b>Tulare County</b> Yolo County				
<b>Family Size</b>							
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Each Add'l add
<b>70% LLSIL</b>							
Annual	\$12,385	\$20,296	\$27,866	\$34,400	\$40,593	\$47,478	\$6,885
6 Months	\$6,193*	\$10,148	\$13,933	\$17,200	\$20,297	\$23,739	\$3,443
100% LLSIL	\$17,692	\$28,995	\$39,809	\$49,143	\$57,989	\$67,826	\$9,837
<b>Poverty Guidelines</b>							
Annual	\$13,590	\$18,310	\$23,030	\$27,750	\$32,470	\$37,190	\$4,720
6 Months	\$6,795*	\$9,155	\$11,515	\$13,875	\$16,235	\$18,595	\$2,360

\*Determination of low-income status for a Family Size of 1 is based on the poverty guidelines

<b>Table 2 – Employed Adult Worker Self Sufficiency Guidelines for Tulare County</b>							
Self Sufficiency Income Levels based on 175% of LLSIL							
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	Each Add'l add
6-Months 175% of 100% LLSIL	\$15,481	\$25,371	\$34,833	\$43,000	\$50,740	\$59,348	\$8,607