

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT TITLE I-B	DATE: May 13, 2014
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2014

WIB DIRECTIVE

TUL 14-03

TO: One-Stop Operator
WIB Service Providers
WIB Staff

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

This directive issues the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2014 published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on March 27, 2014. It also issues the 2014 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 22, 2014.

Scope:

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) use the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adults for certain services, self-sufficiency, and eligibility for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIAs should consult the WIA and its regulations, and preamble for more specific guidance.

Effective Date:

The 2014 LLSIL and 2014 poverty guidelines became effective on their dates of publication in the Federal Register, March 27, 2014, and January 22, 2014, respectively.

REFERENCES:

- WIA Section 101(24), 101(25), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), and 134(d)(3)(A)(ii)
- Title 20 Code of Federal Regulations (Title 20 CFR) Section 663.230
- Federal Register, Volume 79, Number 59, WIA; LLSIL (March 27, 2014)
- Federal Register, Volume 79, Number 14, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2014 (January 22, 2014)
- Employment Development Department Workforce Services Directive, WSDD-100, April 10, 2014

(WIB)—IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains no WIB-imposed requirements.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 13-02 dated May 8, 2013. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND:

The WIA Section 101(25) (B) sets the criteria LWIAs use in determining whether an individual is a low-income individual. This criterion includes two sets of data: the poverty guidelines, as published by HHS, and 70 percent of the LLSIL, as determined by the Secretary of Labor. The LWIAs use the higher of these two measures to establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIA Title I programs. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All LWIAs use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Metropolitan income levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan income levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and nonmetropolitan designations, the Department of Labor identifies three MSAs in California that have unique LLSILs: the San Diego MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA, and the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose MSA.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the poverty guidelines as shown in Attachment A, 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 charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
2. The WIA, together with Title 20 CFR 663.230, requires local boards to 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 100 percent of the LLSIL established for a LWIA.

ACTION:

Bring this directive to the attention of all affected staff.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct inquiries about this directive to the Workforce Investment Board at (559) 713-5200.



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ATTACHMENT A Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2014

AP:EC

Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2014

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The table below shows the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guideline for western metropolitan areas in California. Each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. The last column in each table shows the amount to be added to the figure for a family of six for each additional family member.

Since the income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual's application for WIA funded services is used for income determination, the chart 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 chart enables the reviewer to immediately determine an individual's eligibility.

Effective Dates: LLSIL: March 27, 2014
 Poverty Guidelines: January 22, 2014

Metropolitan Areas							
LWIAs	Fresno County Golden Sierra Consortium Imperial County Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium Kings County Madera County Merced County	Monterey County NoRTEC Consortium North Central Consortium Sacramento City/Co. 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	\$ 10,680	\$17,502	\$24,030	\$29,665	\$35,005	\$40,943	\$5,938
6 Months	\$ 5,340	\$8,751	\$12,015	\$14,835	\$17,503	\$20,472	\$2,969
100%	\$15,258	\$25,003	\$34,329	\$42,378	\$50,008	\$58,490	\$8,482
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 11,670	\$15,730	\$19,790	\$23,850	\$27,910	\$31,970	\$4,060
6 Months	\$5,835	\$7,865	\$9,895	\$11,925	\$13,955	\$15,985	\$2,030