

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY (WIB) WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I	DATE: August 10, 2016
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2016

WIB DIRECTIVE

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 08-10-2016

TUL 16-03

TO: One-Stop Operator
WIB Service Providers
WIB Staff

SUBJECT: 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2016 published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on March 22, 2016. This policy also issues the 2016 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 25, 2016.

Scope:

This directive applies to all Local Workforce Development Areas (local areas) and all Providers of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I activities and services.

Effective Date:

The 2016 LLSIL and 2016 poverty guidelines became effective on their dates of publication in the *Federal Register*, March 25, 2016, and January 25, 2016, 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 81, Number 58, “WIOA; LLSIL” (March 25, 2016)
- *Federal Register*, Volume 81, Number 15, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (January 25, 2016)
- Employment Development Department of California, Workforce Services, WSDD16-02, July 20, 2016

(WIB)—IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains no WIB-imposed requirements.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 15-04 dated September 15, 2015. 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. This criteria 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 local areas 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 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. Local Workforce Development Boards must 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 local area.

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 Workforce Investment Board at (559) 713-5200.



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ATTACHMENT A: Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2016

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