

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I	DATE: September 16, 2015
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015

APPROVED BY
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF 09-16-15

ERRATA: WIB DIRECTIVE TUL 15-04, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

SUBJECT: 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2015 - REVISED

WIB Directive TUL 15-04 – 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015, dated September 16, 2015, has had “Metropolitan Areas” table revised. The revised table is attached to this ERRATA.

The changes were made due to an announcement in the July 16, 2015 Federal Register. The original announcement from March 27, 2015 had the incorrect income levels for the West Metro and non-metro areas. The “Metropolitan Areas” table has been changed to reflect this correction. The corrected figures are retroactive to March 27, 2015.

Attach this ERRATA to WIB Directive TUL 15-04 – 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015 and use this corrected income table.

Any individuals who were determined low income eligible with the previously published 7/17/15 table, but are no longer low income per the revision, do not need to have income determination adjusted but, for monitoring purposes, must have clear documentation regarding the income in the participant file.

Please direct questions regarding this bulletin to the Workforce Investment Board at (559) 713-5200.

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 Consortium Sacramento City/Co. San Joaquin County San Luis Obispo County Santa Barbara County	Stanislaus County Tulare County Yolo County
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70% LLSIL (Changes in the table are highlighted in yellow)

Annual	\$10,172	\$16,669	\$22,887	\$28,253	\$33,340	\$38,995	\$5,655
6 Months	\$5,086	\$8,335	\$11,444	\$14,127	\$16,670	\$19,498	\$2,828
100%	\$14,531	\$23,814	\$32,696	\$40,362	\$47,628	\$55,707	\$8,079

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Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
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WIB DIRECTIVE

TUL 15-04

TO: One-Stop Operator
WIB Service Providers
WIB Staff

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2015 published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on March 27, 2015. It also issues the 2015 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 22, 2015.

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 2015 LLSIL and 2015 poverty guidelines became effective on their dates of publication in the *Federal Register*, March 27, 2015, and January 22, 2015, respectively.

REFERENCES:

- *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV)
- *Federal Register*, Volume 80, Number 59, “WIOA; LLSIL” (March 27, 2015)
- *Federal Register*, Volume 80, Number 14, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (January 22, 2015)

(WIB)—IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains no WIB-imposed requirements.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 14-03 dated May 13, 2014. 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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Executive Director

ATTACHMENT A Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015

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Tulare County 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015

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 WIOA 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, 2015
Poverty Guidelines January 22, 2015

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