

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF TULARE COUNTY WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT TITLE I	DATE: September 13, 2017
	SUBJECT: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2017

WIB DIRECTIVE

TUL 17-07

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 2017 published by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in the *Federal Register* on May 23, 2017. This policy also issues the 2017 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the *Federal Register* on January 31, 2017.

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 2017 LLSIL and 2017 poverty guidelines became effective on their dates of publication in the *Federal Register*, May 23, 2017, and January 31, 2017, 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, WSD17-04, August 25, 2017

(WIB)—IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains no WIB-imposed requirements.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIB Directive TUL 16-03 dated July 21, 2016. 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 determined by the Secretary of Labor. The Local Areas are to 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 Diego MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA, and the San

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1. Select the appropriate table for use by your Local Area from the five tables in the attachment (***In those instances where a Local Area encompasses both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, the state has designated the higher of the LLSIL figures for use within the entire Local Area.***)
2. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the 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 within the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
3. ***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 WIBD-10-10 for the local definition of self-sufficiency. [Tulare County Self-sufficiency Level](#)***

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 2017

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