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TO: WIOA Partners

FROM: Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Administrator
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SUBJECT: 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide the 2023 Lower Living Standard Income Level¹ (LLSIL) Guidelines.

BACKGROUND

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Section 3(36)(A) sets forth criteria for local areas to determine whether a person is a low-income individual and is eligible to participate in the WIOA Title I programs. The criteria include two sets of data: (1) the Poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and (2) the LLSIL determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL).

Individuals whose annual income level is less than 70 percent of the LLSIL are eligible for WIOA Title I programs. Employed workers whose annual income level is less than 225 percent of the LLSIL are eligible for training services. The USDOL revises the LLSIL Guidelines annually to reflect cost of living increases. The USDOL's 2023 LLSIL was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 12, on January 19, 2023. The HHS' update of the poverty guidelines was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 88, No. 88 on May 8, 2023.

¹ WIOA Section 3(36)(B) defines LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban and rural differences and family size) determined annually by the Secretary of Labor based on the most recent lower living family budget issued by the Secretary."

POLICY

WIOA Partners should use these revised guidelines for determining eligibility.

PROCEDURES

When determining an individual's WIOA eligibility based on low-income status as defined in WIOA Section 3(36)(A), service providers must use the higher of income guidelines issued by the Poverty Guidelines (see Attachment 1) or 70 percent of the LLSIL (see Attachment 2).

This bulletin supersedes WIOA Bulletin No. 45-21 dated April 30, 2021, Bulletin No. 04-22, Change 1 dated September 19, 2022, and replaces WIOA Bulletin No. 04-22, Change 2, dated September 27, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This LLSIL policy and procedure are effective immediately.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries or questions regarding this bulletin may be directed to Ms. Lisa Simmons at (808) 586-8812 or Lisa.E.Simmons@hawaii.gov.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2023 Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii

Attachment 2: 2023 Hawaii 70% and 225% LLSIL Guidelines

2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$16,770
2	\$22,680
3	\$28,590
4	\$34,500
5	\$40,410
6	\$46,320
7	\$52,230
8	\$58,140

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,910 for each additional person.

*The poverty guidelines updated periodically in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

HAWAII 2023 FAMILY SIZE AT THE 70% LLSIL

Person in Family/Household	Honolulu	Neighbor Islands
1	\$15,939	\$17,652
2	\$26,111	\$28,927
3	\$35,850	\$39,707
4	\$44,251	\$49,017
5	\$52,221	\$57,843
6	\$61,076	\$67,646
For each additional family member add ¹	\$8,855	\$9,803

HAWAII 2023 FAMILY SIZE AT THE 225% LLSIL

Person in Family/Household	Honolulu	Neighbor Islands
1	\$51,235	\$56,738
2	\$83,929	\$92,979
3	\$115,234	\$127,631
4	\$142,236	\$157,554
5	\$167,852	\$185,924
6	\$196,315	\$217,433
For each additional family member add ²	\$28,463	\$31,509

¹ For families larger than six persons, an amount equal to the difference between the six-person and the five-person family income levels should be added to the six-person family income level for each additional person in the family.

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