

Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Poverty Guidelines for 2017

PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to provide the annual update of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and poverty guidelines used to establish low-income status for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1 programs in determining income eligibility for Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network participants.

BACKGROUND

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria for Local Areas used 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-incomes status for eligibility purposes of WIOA Title 1 programs. The WIOA requires annual revisions to both sets of data. To establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIOA Title 1 programs, a “low-income individual” is one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. 100 percent of the LLSIL, as a minimum, must be used in the WIOA Title self-sufficiency standard calculations, which means employment that pays at least 100 percent of the LLSIL.

POLICY

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines indicated below are to be used for determining low-income status for WIOA Title I programs. WIOA program staff should use the higher of either the LLSIL or poverty guidelines for the appropriate family size to determine low-income status.

2017 LLSIL and Poverty Guideline for Pacific Gateway							
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$10,824	\$17,737	\$24,352	\$30,063	\$35,475	\$41,493	\$6,018
6	\$5,412	\$8,868	\$12,176	\$15,032	\$17,738	\$20,747	\$3,009
100%	\$15,462	\$25,339	\$34,789	\$42,947	\$50,678	\$59,275	\$8,597
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$12,060	\$16,240	\$20,420	\$24,600	\$28,780	\$32,960	\$4,180
6	\$6,030	\$8,120	\$10,210	\$12,300	\$14,390	\$16,480	\$2,090

REFERENCES

- WIOA Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), and 134(d)(1)(A)(x)
- Federal Register, Volume 82, Number 98, “WIOA; LLSIL” (May 23, 2017)
- Federal Register, Volume 82, Number 19, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (January 31, 2017)
- Workforce Services Directive WSD17-04 “70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2017” (August 25, 2017)

INQUIRIES

For questions or assistance related to this policy, please contact Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network staff at (562) 570-3748.

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