

# Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

## 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 I programs in determining income eligibility for Pacific Gateway Workforce Innovation Network (Pacific Gateway) participants.

## BACKGROUND

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria Local Areas must use to determine whether an individual is a low-income individual. These criteria include two sets of data: the poverty guidelines, as published by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and 70 percent of the LLSIL, as published by Department of Labor (DOL). The Local Area must 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. To establish low-income status for eligibility purposes of WIOA Title I 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 I 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.

2021 70% LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for Pacific Gateway							
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l Add
<b>70% LLSIL</b>							
Annual	\$12,098	\$19,826	\$27,219	\$33,602	\$39,652	\$46,378	\$6,726
6 Months	\$6,049	\$9,913	\$13,610	\$16,801	\$19,826	\$23,189	\$3,363
100%	\$17,283	\$28,322	\$38,885	\$48,003	\$56,646	\$66,254	\$9,608
<b>Poverty Guidelines</b>							
Annual	\$12,880	\$17,420	\$21,960	\$26,500	\$31,040	\$35,580	\$4,540
6 Months	\$6,440	\$8,710	\$10,980	\$13,250	\$15,520	\$17,790	\$2,270

## REFERENCES

- WIOA Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV), and 134(d)(1)(A)(x)
- Federal Register, Volume 86, Number 67, “WIOA 2021 LLSIL” (April 9, 2021)
- Federal Register, Volume 86, Number 19, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (February 1, 2021)
- Workforce Services Directive (WSD) 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

## 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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