



LOS ANGELES COUNTY WIA YOUTH, ADULT, AND DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAMS

DIRECTIVE

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Poverty Guidelines

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To: ALL WIA SERVICE PROVIDERS

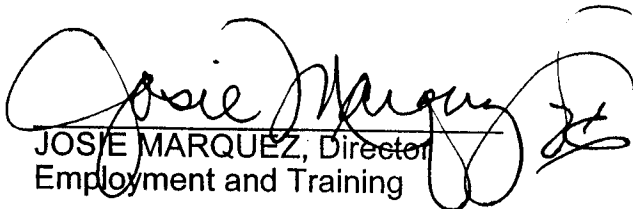
The purpose of this directive is to inform all service providers of the attached current 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003, and the 2003 poverty guidelines published by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services on February 7, 2003.

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines became effective as of their respective date of publication.

The WIA section 101(24) provides for the use of the two sets of data to establish whether an individual is low income. The measure used is the highest of either 70 percent of the LLSIL or the poverty guidelines. WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

Table 2 reflects the LLSIL and poverty guidelines for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) by family size.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Malekian at (213) 738-2683 or Lorena Bautista at (213) 738-3862.


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Attachment

DIRECTIVE
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Number: WIAD03-1

Date: July 1, 2003

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: 2003 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND 2003 POVERTY GUIDELINES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose:

This directive issues the 2003 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003, and the 2003 poverty guidelines published by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) February 7, 2003.

Scope:

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adults for certain services, defining self-sufficiency, and for the reauthorization of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult WIA regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Effective Date:

The 2003 LLSIL became effective the date of publication in the Federal Register, May 30, 2003. The 2003 poverty guidelines were effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register, February 7, 2003.

REFERENCES:

- WIA Sections 101(24), 127(b)(2)(C), 134(d)(3)(A)(ii), and 134(d)(4)(E)
- Federal Register, Volume 68, Number 104, WIA; LLSIL (May 30, 2003)
- Federal Register, Volume 68, Number 26, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (February 7, 2003)

STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains one State-imposed requirement, which is in ***bold italic*** print.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIA Directive WIAD01-18, dated June 11, 2002, and finalizes WIADD-55, issued for comment on June 5, 2003. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND:

The WIA Section 101(24) provides for the use of one of two sets of data to establish whether an individual is a low-income individual. The measure used is the highest of either 70 percent of the LLSIL, determined by the Secretary of Labor, or the poverty guidelines, published by HHS. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) 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 levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, 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. Select the appropriate table for use by your LWIA from the five tables on the attachment. *(In those instances where a LWIA encompasses both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the State has designated the higher of the LLSIL figures for use within the entire LWIA.)*
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 with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
3. The LWIBs are required to 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 LWIA.

ACTION:

Notify all affected staff of the changes to the LLSIL and poverty guidelines in this directive.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct inquiries about this directive to your assigned Regional Advisor at (916) 653-6347 or Georganne Pintar Baldwin, Local Policy Guidance Unit Manager, at (916) 654-7611.

/S/ BOB HERMSMEIER
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Attachment

**2003 70 PERCENT LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL)
2003 POVERTY GUIDELINES**

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status and the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adult/dislocated workers for certain services, self-sufficiency, and for the reauthorization of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and its regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and for three specific Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California. In addition, each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. Each table specifies which areas encompass which Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA). For a family of one, in all tables, the poverty guidelines exceed the 70 percent LLSIL and, therefore, should be used to establish the low-income status. For all other family sizes, the LLSILs exceed the poverty guidelines. 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 WIA funded services is used for income determination, each chart below 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 charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine a family's income.

Effective Dates: LLSIL: May 30, 2003
Poverty Guidelines: February 7, 2003

Table 1—San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area							
LWIAs	San Diego						
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	8,780	14,390	19,750	24,380	28,770	33,650	4,880
6 Months	4,390	7,195	9,875	12,190	14,385	16,825	2,440
100%	12,540	20,550	28,210	34,820	41,090	48,060	6,970
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	\$3,140
6 Months	4,490	6,060	7,630	9,200	10,770	12,340	\$1,570

Table 2—Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Anaheim Carson/Lomita/Torrance Foothill Long Beach Los Angeles City	Los Angeles County Orange County Riverside County Santa Ana San Bernardino City	San Bernardino County SELACO South Bay Ventura Verdugo				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	8,120	13,310	18,270	22,550	26,610	31,120	4,510
6 Months	4,060	6,655	9,135	11,275	13,305	15,560	2,255
100%	11,600	19,010	26,100	32,210	38,010	44,450	6,440
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	\$3,140
6 Months	4,490	6,060	7,630	9,200	10,770	12,340	\$1,570

Table 3—San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Alameda Contra Costa Marin Napa NOVA	Oakland Richmond San Francisco San Jose San Mateo	Santa Cruz Solano Sonoma				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	8,680	14,230	19,530	24,110	28,450	33,280	4,830
6 Months	4,340	7,115	9,765	12,055	14,225	16,640	2,415
100%	12,400	20,320	27,900	34,440	40,640	47,530	6,890
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	\$3,140
6 Months	4,490	6,060	7,630	9,200	10,770	12,340	\$1,570

Table 4—Other Metropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Fresno Golden Sierra Kern/Inyo/Mono Merced Monterey		NoRTEC North Central Sacramento San Joaquin Santa Barbara		Stanislaus Tulare Yolo		
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	7,980	13,070	17,950	22,150	26,140	30,570	4,430
6 Months	3,990	6,535	8,975	11,075	13,070	15,285	2,215
100%	11,400	18,680	25,640	31,650	37,350	43,680	6,330
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	\$3,140
6 Months	4,490	6,060	7,630	9,200	10,770	12,340	\$1,570

Table 5—Nonmetropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Humboldt Imperial Kings Madera Mendocino		Mother Lode San Benito San Luis Obispo				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	7,710	12,630	17,330	21,390	25,250	29,520	4,270
6 Months	3,855	6,315	8,665	10,695	12,625	14,760	2,135
100%	11,000	18,030	24,750	30,550	36,050	42,160	6,110
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	8,980	12,120	15,260	18,400	21,540	24,680	\$3,140
6 Months	4,490	6,060	7,630	9,200	10,770	12,340	\$1,570