



Department of Energy
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WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 05-4A
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 18, 2005

SUBJECT: 2005 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES AND DEFINITION OF INCOME TO EXCLUDE COMBAT ZONE PAY

PURPOSE: To provide States with the 2005 Poverty Income Guidelines and Definition of Income for use in the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (Weatherization). **Please note that the only change to this notice is to exclude combat zone pay from the definition of income.**

SCOPE: The provisions of this guidance apply to all grantees applying for financial assistance under the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE).

BACKGROUND: Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act as amended authorizes the Department of Energy to administer the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable law including, regulations contained in 10 CFR Part 440, and other procedures applicable to this regulation as DOE may from time to time prescribe for the administration of financial assistance.

PROCEDURES: The annual revision of the poverty income guidelines was published in the **Federal Register**/Volume 70, Number 33/Friday, February 18, 2005, on pages 8373-8375. Attached is a table displaying the revised guidelines' threshold incomes and our computed income eligibility limits at both 125 percent and 150 percent of poverty. Guideline tables for Alaska and Hawaii are included. These guidelines are effective as of February 18, 2005, and apply to both farm and non-farm families. States should distribute these tables immediately to their subgrantees for their use. Additionally, this notice provides grantees with a definition of income for use in the Weatherization Program. This definition is unchanged from the previous year's guidance. Clarifications on income and eligibility issues are discussed in the Program Year 2005 Weatherization Grant Guidance, in section 5.0 of WPN 05-1.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Buddy Garland", is positioned above the typed name.

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**2005 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES
CONTIGUOUS U.S. GRANTEES
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2005**

INCOME LEVELS

Size of Family Unit	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>125%</u>	<u>150%</u>
1.....	\$9,570	11,963	14,355
2.....	12,830	16,038	19,245
3.....	16,090	20,113	24,135
4.....	19,350	24,188	29,025
5.....	22,610	28,263	33,915
6.....	25,870	32,338	38,805
7.....	29,130	36,413	43,695
8.....	32,390	40,488	48,585
Each additional member add	3,260	4,075	4,890

**2005 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES
ALASKA
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2005**

Size of Family Unit	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>125%</u>	<u>150%</u>
1.....	\$11,950	14,938	17,925
2.....	16,030	20,038	24,045
3.....	20,110	25,138	30,165
4.....	24,190	30,238	36,285
5.....	28,270	35,338	42,405
6.....	32,350	40,438	48,525
7.....	36,430	45,538	54,645
8.....	40,510	50,638	60,765
Each additional member add	4,080	5,100	6,120

**2005 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES
HAWAII
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2005**

Size of Family Unit	<u>Threshold</u>	<u>125%</u>	<u>150%</u>
1.....	\$11,010	13,763	16,515
2.....	14,760	18,450	22,140
3.....	18,510	23,138	27,765
4.....	22,260	27,825	33,390
5.....	26,010	32,513	39,015
6.....	29,760	37,200	44,640
7.....	33,510	41,888	50,265
8.....	37,260	46,575	55,890
Each additional member add	3,750	4,688	5,625

DEFINITION OF INCOME

Refers to total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources, with the exceptions noted below. Income data for a part of a year may be annualized in order to determine eligibility--for example, by multiplying by four the amount of income received during the most recent three months. The method of calculation is to be determined by the Grantee. Grantees should have a consistent policy covering its subgrantees on re-certification of applicants whose eligibility may have changed due to the length of time that may have expired awaiting weatherization services.

INCOME INCLUDES money, wages and salaries before any deductions; net receipts from non-farm or farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own business or from an owned or rented farm after deductions for business or farm expenses). **INCOME ALSO INCLUDES** regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits from union funds, worker's compensation, veteran's payments, training stipends, alimony, and military family allotments; private pensions, government employee pensions (including military retirement pay), and regular insurance or annuity payments; dividends, interest, net rental income, net royalties, periodic receipts from estates or trusts, and net gambling or lottery winnings.

INCOME EXCLUDES capital gains; any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house, or a car; one-time payments from a welfare agency to a family or person who is in temporary financial difficulty; tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury. **INCOME ALSO EXCLUDES** non-cash benefits, such as the employer-paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other employee fringe benefits, food or housing received in lieu of wages, the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms, the imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing, and such Federal non-cash benefit programs as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance **and combat zone pay to the military**. Note: **CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ALSO EXCLUDED.**