



LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WIOA ADULT, DISLOCATED WORKER, and YOUTH PROGRAMS DIRECTIVE

NUMBER: WIOA D15-02

SUBJECT: 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY
GUIDELINES FOR PY 2015

DATE: July 27, 2015

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

**TO: WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ADULT,
DISLOCATED WORKER, AND YOUTH AGENCIES**

“This Directive supersedes Directive LACOD-13-17”

PURPOSE

Attached is the State of California’s EDD Directive WSD15-1 dated July 17, 2015 that issues the 2015 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on March 27, 2015. It also issues the 2015 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 22, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) has issued an updated Directive that provides the 70 percent LLSIL and poverty guidelines for 2015.

REFERENCES

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV)
- Federal Register, Volume 80, Number 59, “WIOA; LLSIL” (March 27, 2015)
- Federal Register, Volume 80, Number 14, “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines” (January 22, 2015)
- California Employment Development Department Directive WSD15-1

EFFECTIVE DATE

This directive is effective upon release.

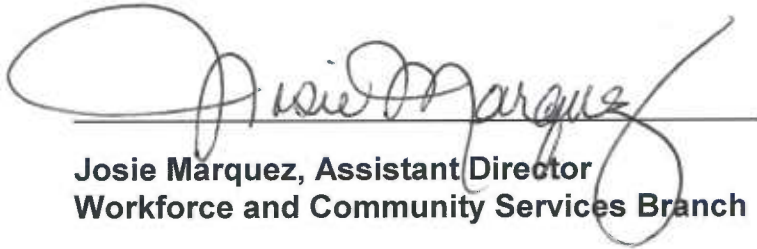
ACTIONS

Los angeles County WIOA Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth service providers shall ensure that the requirements described herein are communicated throughout the operations, management and governance structure of the agency's organization and that this Directive is appropriately maintained until further notice. See the attached EDD Directive WSD15-1.

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions regarding this directive please contact:

- Adult and Dislocated Worker programs - wioaops@css.lacounty.gov
- Youth programs - Barbara Banck at BBanck@css.lacounty.gov



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Attachment
EDD Directive WSD15-1

WORKFORCE SERVICES DIRECTIVE

Number: WSD15-1

Date: July 17, 2015

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose

This policy provides guidance and establishes the procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2015 published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on March 27, 2015. It also issues the 2015 poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on January 22, 2015.

Scope

This directive applies to all Local Workforce Development Areas (local areas).

Effective Date

The 2015 LLSIL and 2015 poverty guidelines became effective on their dates of publication in the *Federal Register*, March 27, 2015, and January 22, 2015, respectively.

REFERENCES

- *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Sections 3(36), 127(b)(2)(C), and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV)*
- *Federal Register, Volume 80, Number 59, "WIOA; LLSIL" (March 27, 2015)*
- *Federal Register, Volume 80, Number 14, "Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines" (January 22, 2015)*

STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS

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

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

This directive supersedes Workforce Services Directive WSD13-12, dated May 16, 2014. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND

The WIOA Section 3(36)(A) sets the criteria local areas use in determining whether an individual is a low-income individual. This criteria includes 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 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.

All local areas use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. Metropolitan income levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Non-metropolitan income levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and non-metropolitan designations, 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 local area from the five tables in the attachment (***In those instances where a local area encompasses both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, the state has designated the higher of the LLSIL figures for use within the entire local area.***)
2. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the poverty guideline 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. ***Local Workforce Development Boards must 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 local area.***

ACTION

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

INQUIRIES

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Advisor at 916-654-7799.

/S/ JOSÉ LUIS MÁRQUEZ, Chief
Central Office Workforce Services Division

Attachment is available on the Internet:

[70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2015](#)

70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2015

The Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for *Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act* (WIOA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Development Areas (local areas) use the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adults for certain services, self-sufficiency, and eligibility for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The local areas should consult the WIOA for more specific guidance.

Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan and non-metropolitan 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 minimum self-sufficiency levels. 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 WIOA 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 an individual's eligibility.

Effective Dates: LLSIL March 27, 2015
Poverty Guidelines January 22, 2015

Table 1—San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Local Area	San Diego Consortium						
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$11,667	\$19,113	\$26,242	\$32,392	\$38,227	\$44,708	\$6,481
6 Months	\$5,834	\$9,557	\$13,121	\$16,196	\$19,114	\$22,354	\$3,241
100%	\$16,668	\$27,304	\$37,488	\$46,274	\$54,609	\$63,868	\$9,259
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
6 Months	\$5,885	\$7,965	\$10,045	\$12,125	\$14,205	\$16,285	\$2,080

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

Local Areas	Anaheim	Los Angeles County	San Bernardino County				
	Foothill E&T Consortium	Orange County	SELACO Consortium				
	Pacific Gateway (formerly Long Beach City)	Riverside County	South Bay Consortium				
	Los Angeles City	Santa Ana City	Ventura County				
		San Bernardino City	Verdugo Consortium				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$10,740	\$17,600	\$24,164	\$29,830	\$35,201	\$41,172	\$5,971
6 Months	\$5,370	\$8,800	\$12,082	\$14,915	\$17,601	\$20,586	\$2,986
100%	\$15,343	\$25,143	\$34,520	\$42,615	\$50,287	\$58,817	\$8,530
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
6 Months	\$5,885	\$7,965	\$10,045	\$12,125	\$14,205	\$16,285	\$2,080

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

Local Areas	Alameda County	Oakland City	Santa Cruz County				
	Contra Costa County	Richmond City	Solano County				
	Marin County	San Benito	Sonoma County				
	Napa County	San Francisco City/Co.					
	NOVA Consortium	San Jose/Silicon Valley					
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$11,308	\$18,530	\$25,432	\$31,395	\$37,050	\$43,332	\$6,282
6 Months	\$5,654	\$9,265	\$12,716	\$15,698	\$18,525	\$21,666	\$3,141
100%	\$16,155	\$26,471	\$36,331	\$44,850	\$52,929	\$61,904	\$8,975
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
6 Months	\$5,885	\$7,965	\$10,045	\$12,125	\$14,205	\$16,285	\$2,080

Table 4— Metropolitan Areas

Local Areas	Fresno County Golden Sierra Consortium Imperial County Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium Kings County Madera County Merced County	Monterey County NoRTEC Consortium North Central Consortium Sacramento City/Co. San Joaquin County San Luis Obispo County Santa Barbara County	Stanislaus County Tulare County Yolo County				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$10,808	\$17,712	\$24,319	\$30,021	\$35,426	\$41,434	\$6,008
6 Months	\$5,404	\$8,856	\$12,160	\$15,011	\$17,713	\$20,717	\$3,004
100%	\$15,441	\$25,303	\$34,741	\$42,887	\$50,608	\$59,192	\$8,584
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
6 Months	\$5,885	\$7,965	\$10,045	\$12,125	\$14,205	\$16,285	\$2,080

Table 5— Non-metropolitan Areas

Local Areas	Humboldt County Mendocino County	Mother Lode Consortium					
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$10,769	\$17,649	\$24,232	\$29,909	\$35,299	\$41,284	\$5,985
6 Months	\$5,385	\$8,825	\$12,116	\$14,955	\$17,650	\$20,642	\$2,293
100%	\$15,384	\$25,213	\$34,617	\$42,727	\$50,427	\$58,977	\$8,550
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$4,160
6 Months	\$5,885	\$7,965	\$10,045	\$12,125	\$14,205	\$16,285	\$2,080