

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS DIRECTIVE

DATE: November 23, 2021 NUMBER: WDP D21-17

## WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR 2021

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This directive informs Los Angeles County America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) administering Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs on the State of California's Employment Development Department (EDD) Directive WSD21-01 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021.

This Directive supersedes WDP D19-19 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2019.

#### **REFERENCES**

- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (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)
- <u>Federal Register, Volume 86, Number 19, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty</u> Guidelines (February 1, 2021)
- Employment Development Department WSD21-01 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021

#### **BACKGROUND**

On August 16, 2021, EDD issued an updated Directive to provide guidance and establish procedures regarding the 70 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Poverty Guidelines for 2021. The 2021 70 percent LLSIL was published by the U.S. Department of Labor in the *Federal Register* on April 9, 2021 and the 2021 poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the Federal Register on February 1, 2021.

#### **POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The chart below provides you with the 70 percent LLSIL and the Poverty Guidelines for the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area. This chart must be used for determining the low-income status of program participants for the 2021-22 Program Year.

Table 2 — Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area							
Local Areas	Anaheim Foothill E&T Consortium Pacific Gateway Los Angeles City Los Angeles County		Riverside County		v Ven Ver County	outh Bay Consortium entura County erdugo Consortium	
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
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
Poverty Guidelines							
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

AJCCs must use the higher of either the 70 percent 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 chart enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status. Low-Income status calculation and documentation must be uploaded into CalJOBS and accurately reported in the CalJOBS system.

#### **ACTION**

Los Angeles County AJCCs must ensure that the policies and procedures described herein are communicated throughout the operations, management and governance structure of the AJCC organization and that this Directive is appropriately maintained until further notice.

Los Angeles County AJCCs must develop and implement written internal controls and procedures incorporating all of the requirements written in this directive.

#### **INQUIRIES**

Inquiries regarding this directive and the policies and procedures described herein should be directed to <a href="mailto:ajccops@wdacs.lacounty.gov">ajccops@wdacs.lacounty.gov</a>.

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#### Attachments:

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Attachment I: EDD Directive WSD21-01 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines For 2021

Attachment II: 70 Percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for 2021