

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT
VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

FIELD GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM #02-06 (REVISED)

TO: LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS
FROM: WIA DIVISION
SUBJECT: 2002 POVERTY AND 70% LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVELS
DATE: JULY 1, 2002 (**EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2003 - REPLACED BY 03-06**)

In Section 101(25)(B), a **LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUAL** is defined as an individual who:

- A. Receives, or is a member of a family that receives, cash payments under a Federal, State, or Local income-based public assistance program;
- B. Received an income, or is a member of a family that received a total family income, for the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved (exclusive of unemployment compensation, child support payments, payments described in subparagraph (A), and old-age and survivors insurance benefits received under section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402)) that, in relation to family size, does not exceed the higher of:
 1. The poverty line, for an equivalent period or
 2. Seventy percent (70%) of the lower living standard income level (LLSIL) for an equivalent period;
- C. Is a member of a household that receives (or has been determined within the 6-month period prior to application for the program involved to be eligible to receive) food stamps pursuant to the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);
- D. Qualifies as a homeless individual as defined in subsections (a) and (c) of section 103 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302);
- E. Is a foster child on behalf of whom State or local government payments are made; **OR**
- F. In cases permitted by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor, is an individual with a disability whose own income meets the requirements of a program described above in subparagraphs (A.) or (B.), but who is a member of a family whose income does not meet such requirements.

The following guidelines are to be used in determining low-income eligibility. Poverty Guidelines are to be used for the “poverty line.” The 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level appropriate to the applicant’s place of residence should be used to determine eligibility.

2002 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guideline
1	\$8,860
2	11,940
3	15,020
4	18,100
5	21,180
6	24,260
7	27,340
8	30,420

*** For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,080 for each additional member.**

Federal Register: February 14, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 31). DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. Subject: Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Metro-Level – SOUTH Region	
Size of Family Unit	70% LLSIL
1	(\$6,780)
2	(11,110)
3	15,260
4	18,830
5	22,220
6	25,990

*** For each family member above 6 add \$3,770.**

The above standards apply to all Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) **EXCEPT** Northern Virginia Manpower Consortium, Alexandria/Arlington Job Training Administration and the following jurisdictions:

- * Warren County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)
- * Fauquier County (Workforce Today!)
- * Spotsylvania County (Bay Consortium)
- * Fredericksburg City (Bay Consortium)
- * Clarke County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)
- * King George County (Bay Consortium)
- * Stafford County (Bay Consortium)
- * Culpeper County (Workforce Today!)

Reference: Federal Register, April 8, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 67). Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level.

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Non-Metro-Level – SOUTH Region	
Size of Family Unit	70% LLSIL
1	(\$6,390)
2	(10,480)
3	(14,390)
4	(17,770)
5	(20,960)
6	24,520

*** For each family member above 6 add \$3,560.**

The above standards apply to all LWIAs *EXCEPT* Northern Virginia Manpower Consortium, Alexandria/Arlington Job Training Administration and the following jurisdictions:

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- * Fauquier County (Workforce Today!)
- * Spotsylvania County (Bay Consortium)
- * Fredericksburg City (Bay Consortium)
- * Clarke County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)
- * King George County (Bay Consortium)
- * Stafford County (Bay Consortium)
- * Culpeper County (Workforce Today!)

Reference: Federal Register, April 8, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 67). Workforce Investment Act; Lower Living Standard Income Level.

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Washington-Baltimore, DC/MD/VA/WV	
Size of Family Unit	70% LLSIL
1	(\$8,270)
2	13,550
3	18,600
4	22,960
5	27,100
6	31,690

*** For each family member above 6 add \$4,590.**

The above standards do not apply to the any of the LWIAs *EXCEPT* Northern Virginia Manpower Consortium, Alexandria/Arlington Job Training Administration and the following jurisdictions:

- * Warren County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)
- * Fauquier County (Workforce Today!)
- * Spotsylvania County (Bay Consortium)
- * Fredericksburg City (Bay Consortium)
- * Clarke County (Northern Shenandoah Valley)
- * King George County (Bay Consortium)
- * Stafford County (Bay Consortium)
- * Culpeper County (Workforce Today!)

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