

# **Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board**

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## **OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE**

**FRWDB OD # 19-21**

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**To: All Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board Providers of Services**

**From: Blake Konczal, Executive Director**

**Effective Date: August 20, 2021**

**Subject: 2021 WIOA 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL),  
Poverty Guidelines and Employed Worker Self-Sufficiency Eligibility**

**Applicable Program: All**

**Revision History: Initial Release**

This Operational Directive supersedes OD 01-20, 2019 WIOA 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL), Poverty Guidelines and Employed Worker Self-Sufficiency Eligibility.

EDD Directive WSD 21-01 dated August 16, 2021, released the 2021 70 Percent LLSIL, Poverty Guidelines and Employed Worker Self-Sufficiency Eligibility.

Please notify all affected staff of the changes to these guidelines.

The 70 percent LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for Fresno County can be found on Table 1 on page 2.

Employed Worker Self-Sufficiency Guidelines can be found on Table 2 on page 2.

The definition of Family is:

Two or more persons related by blood, marriage (including same-sex marriages), or decree of court, who are living in a single residence, and are included in one or more of the following categories:

- (1) A husband, wife, (including same-sex spouses) and dependent children.
- (2) A parent or guardian and dependent children.
- (3) A husband and wife (including same-sex spouses).

(Note: Consistent with Training and Employment Guidance Letter 26-13, the definition of "marriage" includes same-sex spouses, and the terms "husband" and "wife" are to be interpreted in a gender neutral manner to include same-sex spouses.)

To establish low income eligibility, the higher of either the 70% LLSIL or Poverty Guidelines for the 6 months prior to enrollment, for the family size, is to be used.

The local definition of self-sufficiency is:

Any **employed** adult is considered economically self-sufficient if he/she has received income or is a member of a **family that has received a total family income** for the six-month period immediately prior to application for Individualized Career Services or Training services, that is equal to or greater than the locally defined income levels based on the 100 percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) established by the U.S. Department of Labor's Lower Living Standard. Additionally, income will be reviewed for the current program year by family size, and participant must not be in receipt of any form of public assistance other than health services. If at the time of application, the participant is receiving public assistance (cash funds or food stamps only), the participant would be enrolled as a low-income adult (even if employed) and the income would be entered as zero on the application.

For the purpose of determining total family income for self-sufficiency, income shall include earnings from all family members, including income from **dependent** children who are in a single residence with the employed participant. No income or services from a federal, state, or local social services agency shall be included in the total family income.

Please contact the appropriate FRWDB Program Coordinator if you have any questions.

**Table 1 - LLSIL and Poverty Guidelines for Fresno County**

Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Additional, add:
<b>70% LLSIL</b>							
Annual	\$11,806	\$19,348	\$26,565	\$32,793	\$38,696	\$45,260	\$6,564
6 Months	\$5,903	\$9,674	\$13,283	\$16,397	\$19,348	\$22,630	\$3,282
100%	\$16,866	\$27,640	\$37,949	\$46,847	\$55,281	\$64,658	\$9,377
<b>Poverty Guidelines</b>							
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

**Table 2 - Employed Worker Self-Sufficiency Guidelines for Fresno County**

<b>FRWDB SELF-SUFFICIENCY INCOME LEVELS (12 MONTHS) – EMPLOYED ADULTS</b>							
Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each additional, add:
Self-sufficiency income levels are based on the 100% of the 70% LLSIL	175% <b>\$29,516</b>	165% <b>\$45,606</b>	150% <b>\$56,924</b>	150% <b>\$70,271</b>	150% <b>\$82,922</b>	150% <b>\$96,987</b>	150% <b>\$14,066</b>