

## Income Exclusions

- I. Income exclusions cannot be counted when calculating income. The following cannot be counted in income calculations:
  - a. Assistance received from Federal programs:
    - i. Medicaid,
    - ii. Medicare prescription drug card subsidies and related transitional assistance,
    - iii. SNAP (Food Stamps),
    - iv. School Lunch,
    - v. Family Day Care Food Program,
    - vi. Child Care and Developmental Block Grant payments,
    - vii. public housing,
    - viii. home energy assistance,
    - ix. youth employment programs,
    - x. relocation assistance, and
    - xi. National Flood Insurance Program Payments.
  - b. Military Family Housing Allotment:
    - i. Off-base cash housing allowance,
    - ii. value of in-kind benefits for on-base housing (BAH),
    - iii. OCONUS COLA (cost-of-living given to military personnel stationed outside the continental United States)
  - c. Military Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA): payments made by the Department of Defense to certain low income members of the Armed Forces.
  - d. Military Combat Pay:
    - i. Additional pay received by a household member who is deployed to a designated combat zone and is:
      1. Received in addition to the service member's basic pay;
      2. Received as a result of the service member's deployment to an area designated as a combat zone; and
      3. Not received by the service member prior to his/her deployment to the designated combat zone.
    - ii. Includes Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay and may include other types of hazardous and hardship duty pays received while deployed to a combat zone.
    - iii. Military Deployment Extension Incentive Pay (DEIP) and Deployment Extension Stabilization Program (DESP)
    - iv. These types of military pay should be excluded from income while the service member is deployed. This income must be included as income if received while serving at the home station.
  - e. Education:

- i. Tuition loans, educational grants, and scholarships, funded through Title IV of the Education Act of 1965
    - 1. Pell grant,
    - 2. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant,
    - 3. State Student Incentive Grants,
    - 4. College Work Study, etc.
  - ii. Payments received under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act.
  - iii. Mandatory salary reduction amount for military service personnel which is used to fund the Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984 (GI Bill).
- f. Volunteers:
- i. Those under Title I (vista, etc),
  - ii. Title II (Retired Senior Volunteer Program, foster grandparents, etc.),
  - iii. Small Business Act.
  - iv. (If payment becomes a regular weekly income, it is to be considered income.)
- g. Tax refunds and rebates:
- i. Federal, State or local government refunds or rebates,
  - ii. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- h. Loans which must be repaid.
- i. Child's income: Occasional earnings, such as income from babysitting or mowing lawns.
- j. Insurance payments for damage to a house or car if used for repair or replacement.
- k. Non-cash benefits:
- i. Employer-paid portion of health insurance and other employee fringe benefits, including employer contributions to flexible spending accounts;
  - ii. Food and rent received in lieu of wages;
  - iii. Food or other items received from religious or charitable organizations.
- l. Employee reimbursements: Reimbursements from an employer for expenses incurred by the employee such as:
- i. Mileage,
  - ii. Travel,
  - iii. Tuition, etc.

- m. Other sources:
  - i. Financial assistance from a religious or charitable organization (excluding regular contributions);
  - ii. gifts (excluding regular contributions);
  - iii. Agent Orange Compensation Exclusion Act;
  - iv. Wartime Relocation of Civilians under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988;
  - v. Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund payments;
  - vi. Relocation Assistance for members of Navajo and Hopi Tribes;
  - vii. Land held in trust for Indian tribes, including Ute, Goshute, Skull Valley Goshute, Southern Piute, Northwestern Band of Shoshone;
  - viii. Job Training Partnership Act;
  - ix. Old Age Assistance Claims Settlement Act, except for per capita shares in excess of \$2000;
  - x. Judgment Award Authorization Act;
  - xi. Payments under the Disaster Relief Act of 1974.
  
- n. In-kind housing and other in-kind benefits
  
- o. (Child support and alimony payments paid by an applicant cannot be excluded from their income.)