

Attachment

APPLICATION FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904 G)
FOR APPROVAL OF LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
AND BUDGETS FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2012-2014
ATTACHMENT A-13

Eligibility Criteria for Categorical Enrollment Programs for the IOUs CARE and the Energy Savings Assistance Program

Program Name	Administered By	Income Eligibility	Exemptions	Definition of Household	Consistent with CARE Eligibility Criteria	Information Source
California Alternate Rates for Energy/Energy Savings Assistance Program	Investor-Owned Utilities	200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines ¹	None	To qualify for CARE, total household income is defined as: “[a]ll revenues, from all household members, from whatever source derived, whether taxable or non-taxable, including, but not limited to: wages, salaries, interest, dividends, spousal support and child support, grants, gifts, allowances, stipends, public assistance payments, social security and pensions, rental income, income from self-employment and cash payments from other sources, and all employment-related, non-cash income	---	---
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Social Security Administration	Income and Resource Based Criteria - Countable income including spouse and/or parents if under 18. Resources that count in deciding whether an	Resources (things that are owned) that do not count include an applicant’s home and the land it is on,	An individual can qualify for the program. Can be independent or living in a household with other persons. Anyone who	No	http://www.ssa.gov/pgm/ssi.htm

¹ The Federal Poverty Guidelines are updated annually by the Federal Health and Human Services Department (HHS) <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/11poverty.shtml> According to the HHS website, the following programs (among others) do not use the FPG to determine eligibility: TANF, SSI, State of Local Funded General Assistance, Section 8 Low Income Housing Assistance, and Low Rent Public Housing. <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/faq.shtml#differences> When determining program eligibility, some agencies compare before-tax income to the poverty guidelines, while other agencies compare after-tax income.

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		<p>applicant qualifies include real estate, bank accounts, cash, stocks and bonds.</p>	<p>life insurance policies with a face value of \$1,500 or less, a car, burial plots for applicant and family members, and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for the applicant and up to \$1,500 in burial funds for their spouse. Non-countable income includes \$20 of income per month, The first \$65 a month earned from working and half the amount over \$65, value of food stamps received, income tax refunds, home energy assistance, dividends, gifts, grants, student income, value-impaired work expenses, shelter from private nonprofit organizations. Also includes other</p>	<p>meets the eligibility criteria can receive it. Disabled or blind children can also receive SSI.</p>		

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			exemptions for blind and disabled applicants.			
CalWorks²/ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	California Department of Social Services	Must have a net monthly income less than the maximum aid payment for family size. \$2,000 - \$3,000 for seniors' property limit excluding vehicles and \$5,000 in restricted bank accounts. Gross income must be below \$784 per month	Non-countable income allowance of \$90 per month per employed household member. No. Does not count "gross income" from all household members. Has income exemptions for some working family members.		No	http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG85.htm http://www2.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/ServiceDetails.asp?ServiceID=512 http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/PG141.htm
Tribal TANF	California Department of Social Services	Must meet income guidelines of equal to or less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.	Same as CalWorks	Is dependent on the Tribes' definition of an "Indian Family" or "Tribal Family".		http://www.tanfonline.com/eligibility.html
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	California Department of Community Services and Development (DCSD)	2011 Income guidelines are based on 60 percent of the State median income. http://www.csd.ca.gov/Programs/EnergyIncomeGuidelines.aspx	None	Anyone living in the same dwelling unit regardless if they are tenants or boarders Persons living in board-and-care facilities, nursing or convalescent homes, or in jail or prison, are not eligible for HEAP	No	http://www.csd.ca.gov/Programs/Low%20Income%20Home%20Energy%20Assistance%20Program%20(LIHEAP).aspx
Women Infants	California	185% of the Federal Poverty	None	Applicant's Family	No	http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicwork

² CalWorks is the name of the TANF Program used in the State of California.

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& Children (WIC)	Department of Public Health	Guidelines http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Documents/WIC-IncomeGuidelines-WIC.pdf		Household. A person or groups of persons who are residing in one home and are independent of any other members in that home make up a household. Unborn children count toward family There may be more than one household residing in a dwelling unit. total		s/Pages/default.aspx
CalFresh³	California Department of Social Services	CalFresh households, except those containing an aged or disabled member or where all members receive cash assistance, are subject to gross and net income determination tests. Gross Income – all non-excludable income from any source including all earned income and all unearned income. The maximum gross allowed is 130% of the Federal poverty level (FPL) or 165% of the FPL if the household has an elderly or disabled person who qualifies to be a separate household. If the household passes the gross income test, then the net income test is computed. Net income is	In-kind benefits – Any gain or benefit that is not in the form of money (i.e., meals, clothing, housing provided by the employer, etc.) Vendor Payments – Money paid to a third party for a household expense by a person or organization outside of the household Deferred Educational Loans Grants and	Everyone who lives together and purchases and prepares meals together is grouped together as one household. However, if a person is 60 years of age or older and he or she is unable to purchase and prepare meals separately because of a permanent disability, the person and the person's spouse may be a separate household if the others they live with do not have very much income. Some people who live together, such as husbands and wives and most children under	No	http://www.calfresh.ca.gov/PG841.htm

³ CalFresh is the name of the National Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in California.

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		<p>computed by deducting the following, if applicable, from gross income. The resultant amount cannot exceed 100% of the FPL.</p> <p>Resource limits are \$2,000 for all households except those that have a member who has a disability or who is 60 years of age or older. These households can have up to \$3,000 in resources. Any countable resource will be added to the household's resource limit when making an eligibility determination.</p> <p>There are also some citizenship/immigration status requirements</p>	<p>scholarships</p> <p>Cash donations from a charitable organization of not more than \$300 per calendar quarter</p> <p>Income received too infrequently/irregularly to be reasonably anticipated but not more than \$30 in a quarter</p> <p>In-Kind Benefits – Any gain or benefit that is not in the form of money (i.e., meals, clothing, housing provided by the employer, etc.)</p> <p>Vendor Payments – Money paid to a third party for a household expense by a person or organization outside of the household.</p> <p>Preferred Educational Loans</p> <p>Grants and Scholarships</p>	<p>age 22 are included in the same household, even if they purchase and prepare meals separately.</p>		

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			<p>Cash donations from a charitable organization of not more than \$300 in a calendar quarter. Income received too infrequently/irregularly to be reasonably anticipated but not more than \$30 in a quarter</p>			
<p>National School Lunch Program</p>	<p>US Department of Agriculture</p>	<p>Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 40 cents. Children from families with incomes over 185 percent of poverty pay a full price, though their meals are still subsidized to some extent. Local school food authorities set their own prices for full-price (paid) meals, but must operate their meal services as non-profit programs. Afterschool snacks are provided to children on the same income</p>	<p>Households that automatically qualify through participation in the CalFresh/SNAP Program have the same exemptions as the CalFresh/SNAP Program.</p> <p>Value of Food Stamps and FDPIR is not counted toward household income.</p> <p>Examples of other exemptions include: Payments received for foster care, student financial</p>	<p>Definition for households automatically qualifying through their participation in the CalFresh Program use the same household definition as CalFresh.</p> <p>Otherwise, literature review did not indicate a definition of household for the NSLP.</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/AboutLunch/NSLPFactSheet.pdf</p> <p>http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/notices/iegs/EligibilityManual.pdf</p>

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		<p>eligibility basis as school meals. However, programs that operate in areas where at least 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals may serve all their snacks for free</p> <p>Participants of the SNAP Program automatically qualify for the NSLP.</p>	<p>assistance such as grants and loans, occasional income received on an irregular basis such as babysitting and mowing lawns; lump sum payments from settlements, and specific military benefits.</p>			
Medi-Cal	California Department of Health Care Services	<p>Recipients of SSI, CalWorks, Refugee Assistance, Foster Care of Adoption Assistance, and In Home Supportive Services automatically qualify for Medi-Cal.</p> <p>Various income guidelines depending on the various programs offered under Medi-Cal. Income eligibility ranges from 100% - 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Household Income over 250% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible for assistance under the Healthy Families Plan C eligibility.</p>	<p>Same exemptions for those who participate under SSI and CalWorks. Counts gross family income less allowable expenses.</p> <p>Deducts some allowable expenses such as some work expenses, child support, dependent adult care, and child care expenses up to a maximum allowable limit for each.</p> <p>Income not included: income of a step parent, SSI/SSP, foster care payments,</p>		No	http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/MCIndividual.aspx

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			CalWorks, General Relief, Loans, College Work Study, Government Benefits, and Medicare costs.			
Healthy Families	California Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board	Incomes exceeding 205% of the Federal Poverty Level	Has certain income and resource exemptions that is determined through the eligibility process	Any child under age 21 living at home, or away at school and claimed as tax dependent The birth parents, adoptive parents, or a stepparent who lives with a child you are applying for The pregnant woman and her unborn child (If she is married, list her husband, too.) •The spouse of any teenager living in the home An emancipated minor Does not count aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, or grandparents living in the home	No	http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/HFProgram/Income_Guidelines.aspx http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov/Downloads/default.aspx#general_information
Native American Tribal Head Start	US Department of Health and Human Services	Follow same guidelines as CalWorks. http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/	Follow same guidelines as CalWorks	Same as CalWorks	No	http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Head%20Start%20Program/Head%20Start%20Program%20Factsheets

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	California Head Start Association	Head%20Start%20Program/Program%20Design%20and%20Management/Head%20Start%20Requirements/Pis/2010/Head%20Start%20Eligibility%20Verification%20Form.%20expires%2002-28-2013.pdf				http://caheadstart.org/index.html
Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance	Bureau of Indian Affairs	Eligibility is determined by each federally recognized tribe. Income eligibility cannot exceed the State of Federal Poverty Guidelines. Must have zero income to qualify.	No	Eligibility is for indigent individuals and does not include income of other people living in the home.	No	http://www.bia.gov/
Public Housing Assistance/Section 8 Housing	California Housing Finance Association (on behalf of the Federal Housing Urban Development Department)	Varies from 50% of the Area Median Income for Very Low Families to 80% of the Area Median Income. In California, the "Area" is defined as the County. Includes some adjustments based on family size. For San Diego County see: http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2010/2010summary.pdf For Los Angeles County See: http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il2010/2010summary.pdf	Does not count food stamps, income from government training, or wages of minors-under 18. Does count SSI benefits for minor children.	Counts all people living in the homes weather related or not.	No.	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/california