

Exception - A disabled individual whose family does not meet the low-income criteria found in DETS Self Sufficiency Policy #07-514 is considered low income, and a family size of one, if the individual's own income, separate from the household's, meets the income eligibility guidelines.

Family Income ***includes*** the following:

- a) Child Support, Alimony, or other ***regular*** support from an absent family member or someone not living in the household;
- b) Cash out of vacation time;
- c) College or university scholarships (not needs-based), grants, fellowships, and assistantships;
- d) Gross wages or salaries before any deductions: Total monetary compensation for services, including wages, tips, salary, commissions, fees and on-the job training;
- e) Dividends, interest, royalties, or net rental income;
- f) Lump sum inheritance;
- g) Net gambling or lottery winnings;
- h) Net receipts from non-farm self-employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expense);
- i) Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses);
- j) Pensions, whether private, government employee pensions (including military retirement pay);
- k) Periodic receipts from estates or trusts;
- l) Regular insurance or annuity payments (including state disability insurance);
- m) Regular payments from Social Security or railroad retirement, strike benefits from union funds, worker's compensation, and training stipends (e.g., wages from the Alaska Conservation Corps);
- n) Severance payments;
- o) Terminal leave pay;
- p) Social Security Disability Insurance payments;
- q) Unemployment Compensation (this includes Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, and Extended Benefits);
- r) Social Security Old-Age Survivors Insurance benefits.

Family Income ***does not include*** the following:

- a) Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, distributions from the original Alaska Native Fund, stock, partnership interest, land, payments from a settlement trust, cash distributions, other exclusions of payments to Indians;

- b) Allowances, earnings and payments to individuals participating in programs under this policy (except OJT wages);
- c) Any assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, house or car;
- d) Black Lung Payments;
- e) Burial fund;
- f) Capital gains or losses;
- g) Foster Care child payments;
- h) Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation payments;
- i) Financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act, i.e., Pell Grants;
- j) Gifts of domestic travel tickets;
- k) Income earned while the veteran was on active military duty, military family allotments, and certain other veterans' benefits, i.e., compensation for service-connected disability, compensation for service-connected death, vocational rehabilitation, and education assistance;
- l) Income exclusions under other statutes for purposes of determining eligibility;
- m) Individual development account;
- n) Loans;
- o) Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, school meals, and housing assistances;
- p) Need-based Public Assistance payments (including WIOA Needs-Related Payments, Trade Readjustment Allowances, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, Federal housing assistance, Federal relocation assistance, Emergency Assistance money payments, and non-federally-funded general assistance or general relief money payments);
- q) Needs-based scholarship assistance;
- r) Non-cash benefits such as employer paid or union-paid portion of health insurance or other fringe benefits, food or housing received in lieu of wages;
- s) Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund;
- t) Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund;
- u) Senior benefits;
- v) State or local relocation assistance payments;
- w) Stipends while in VISTA, Peace Corps, Foster/Grand Parent Program, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, AmeriCorps;
- x) Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and Federal Work Study;
- y) The imputed value of rent from owner occupied non-farm or farm housing;
- z) Tax refunds, Alaska Permanent Fund Dividends, gifts, Alaska Longevity Bonus, senior benefits, one-time insurance payments, or compensation for injury;
- aa) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms;
- bb) Veterans benefits, World War II restitution payments, Agent Orange settlement payments, payments to Persons Captured and Interned by North Vietnam, Vietnam Veterans' Children with Spina Bifida;
- cc) Victims' compensation payments; or

dd) Wages earned under Title V of the Older Americans Act, Mature Alaskans Seeking Skill Training (MASST).

4. Definitions

- a) **Family size** is the total number of family members who are a part of the individual's family at the time that an individual submits an application for the program.
- b) **Family members** are persons related by blood, marriage, or decree of court¹, who are living in a single residence², and are included in one or more of the following categories:
 - i. A couple that is lawfully married, and dependent children
 - ii. A parent or guardian and dependent children
 - iii. A couple that is lawfully married
- c) **Marriage** is defined as a couple that entered into a contractual relationship recognized by law and who has obtained a valid marriage license. Common law marriages are not recognized in the State of Alaska.

¹ Decree of court means guardianship or adoption.

² A residence is defined as the principal dwelling place or home in which the individual physically resides.