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I. STATEMENT OF POLICY

INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

There are three eligibility standards for SNAP.

GROSS INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

The gross income eligibility standard is 130% of the non-farm federal income poverty level (see Chart in J-300-SNAP).

EXCEPTION: Broad-Based Categorically Eligible (BBCE) households are subject to the gross income eligibility standard of 200% of the federal poverty level.

Gross income is the total amount of income before any deductions are made.

A household subject to the gross income eligibility standard is ineligible if gross income exceeds the limit by one dollar or more.

Households exempt from the gross income eligibility standard include those with:

- one or more elderly or disabled members, or
- a member who is 59 but will turn 60 before the end of the application month, or
- traditional categorical eligibility

The gross income eligibility standard at 130% of the federal poverty level is as follows:

HH Size	Monthly Income
1	$1,729.00
2	$2,345.00
3	$2,960.00
4	$3,575.00
5	$4,191.00
6	$4,806.00
7	$5,421.00
8	$6,037.00
Each additional member	+ $616.00

The gross income eligibility standard at 200% of the federal poverty level for BBCE households is as follows:

Household Size	**BBCE Monthly Income**
1	$2,660.00
2	$3,607.00
3	$4,554.00
4	$5,500.00
5	$6,447.00
6	$7,394.00
7	$8,340.00
8	$9,287.00
Each Additional Member	+ $947.00

NET INCOME ELIGIBILITY STANDARD

The net income eligibility standard is 100% of the non-farm Federal income poverty level (see Chart in J-300-SNAP).

Net income is the gross income minus allowable deductions.
All households must pass the net income test.

EXCEPTION: Traditional categorically eligible household. (See E-280-SNAP)

The net income eligibility standard is as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Net Monthly Income
1	$1,330.00
2	$1,804.00
3	$2,277.00
4	$2,750.00
5	$3,224.00
6	$3,697.00
7	$4,170.00
8	$4,644.00
Each Additional Member	+ $474.00

Note: A household may pass the net income test but not be eligible for benefits based on the SNAP allotment table.

A one and two-person traditional categorically eligible household and a BBCE household that is over the net income limit is eligible to receive the minimum SNAP allotment. Three-person and above traditional categorically eligible households and BBCE households over the net income limit are not eligible to receive benefits.

Gross Income Standard for Separate Household Status of Certain Elderly and Disabled Members

The gross income standard for separate household status of certain elderly and disabled persons is 165% of the Federal poverty limit.

A person who is 60 years of age or older living with others (and the spouse of such a person) who is unable to purchase and prepare meals because he suffers from a disability considered permanent under the Social Security Act may be a separate household from the other persons if the other persons' gross income does not exceed the 165% of the poverty limit.

If the gross income of the other household members exceeds the 165% of the poverty limit, the person cannot be granted separate household status. The 165% income eligibility limit for separate household status is as follows:

HH Size	165% Monthly Income Limits
1	$2,195.00
2	$2,976.00
3	$3,757.00
4	$4,538.00
5	$5,319.00
6	$6,100.00
7	$6,881.00
8	$7,662.00
Each additional member	+ $781.00

II. PROCEDURES

ROUNDING PROCEDURES IN LITE

INCOME WORKSHEET

- ON THE EARNED INCOME – PAYMENTS PAGE:
  - ENTER THE START AND END DATES FOR THE WORKSHEET
  - SELECT ‘BUILD WORKSHEET’.
- IN THE INCOME WORKSHEET DETAILS SECTION ENTER:
  - INCOME DATES

- AMOUNTS PAID
- HOURLY RATE
- NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED
- ACTUAL/ONGOING/PROSPECTIVE
- REASONS TO EXCLUDE FROM AVERAGE,
- VERIFICATION TYPE, AND
- COMMENTS, IF ANY.

LITE WILL AUTOMATICALLY ROUND THE INCOME AND APPLY THE CONVERSION FACTOR BASED ON THE INFORMATION ENTERED IN THE WORKSHEET.

ANTICIPATED INCOME BY AMOUNT/HOUR/FREQUENCY

- IN THE ANTICIPATED INCOME BY AMOUNT/HOUR/FREQUENCY SECTION:
  - ENTER THE AMOUNT PER HOUR
  - NUMBER OF HOURS
  - VERIFICATION TYPE

LITE WILL AUTOMATICALLY ROUND THE INCOME AND APPLY THE CONVERSION FACTOR BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

LITE ROUNDING LOGIC

- MULTIPLE PAYMENTS ENTERED ON WORKSHEET (WEEKLY/BIWEEKLY/SEMI-MONTHLY): LITE WILL ADD ALL PAY ENTERED, ROUND, DIVIDE BY NUMBER OF ENTRIES, ROUND, APPLY CONVERSION FACTOR, AND ROUND.

- ONE PAYMENT ENTERED ON WORKSHEET (MONTHLY): LITE WILL CONSIDER THE SINGLE PAY SOURCE, APPLY THE CONVERSION FACTOR, AND ROUND.

- ANTICIPATED INCOME BY AMOUNT/HOUR/FREQUENCY: LITE WILL START CALCULATIONS WITH THE AMOUNT PER HOUR, ROUND, MULTIPLE BY NUMBER OF HOURS PER FREQUENCY, ROUND, APPLY CONVERSION FACTOR, ROUND.

AVERAGE CALCULATION METHOD

IN THE AVERAGE CALCULATION METHOD SECTION SELECT:
- ANTICIPATED INCOME BY AMOUNT/HOUR/FREQUENCY OR
- WORKSHEET DETAILS
- ENTER COMMENTS IF NEEDED
- SELECT NEXT

LITE WILL CALCULATE THE MONTHLY EARNED INCOME AVERAGE BASED ON THE ROUNDING LOGIC.

REVIEW THE BUDGETED INCOME ON THE EARNED INCOME – AVERAGE SCREEN TO DETERMINE IF BUDGETING ERRORS WERE MADE. MAKE DATA ENTRY CORRECTIONS, IF NEEDED.

III. FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

There are no forms and instructions associated with this policy.

IV. REFERENCES

August 21, 2026 USDA-FNA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) All State Agency Memos – Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs).