

Income Exclusions

- I. Income exclusions cannot be counted when calculating income. The following cannot be counted in income calculations:
 - a. Payments or benefits provided under certain Federal programs or acts:
 - i. Medicaid,
 - ii. Medicare prescription drug card subsidies and related transitional assistance,
 - iii. SNAP,
 - iv. School Lunch,
 - v. Family Day Care Food Program,
 - vi. Child care payments made under section 402(g)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Family Support Act, “at-risk” block grant child care payments, child care provided or paid for under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act,
 - vii. public housing,
 - viii. Payments made under the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Act, as amended,
 - ix. Payments received under the Job Training Partnership Act,
 - x. Reimbursements from the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970,
 - xi. National Flood Insurance Program Payments.
 - b. Military Family Housing Allotment:
 - i. Basic allowance for housing received by military services personnel residing off military installations or in privatized housing, whether on- or off-base;
 - ii. The value of in-kind housing and other in-kind benefits (BAH),
 - iii. OCONUS COLA (Cost-of-living allowance provided under 37 U.S.C. 405, to a member of a uniformed service who is on duty outside the contiguous states of the 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. Student financial assistance received from any program funded in whole or part under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, including the:
 - 1. Pell Grant,
 - 2. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant,
 - 3. State Student Incentive Grants,
 - 4. National Direct Student Loan,
 - 5. PLUS,
 - 6. College Work Study, and
 - 7. Byrd Honor Scholarship programs.
 - 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. Any payment to volunteers under Title I (VISTA and others) and Title II (RSVP, foster grandparents, and others) of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.
 - ii. Payment to volunteers under section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (SCORE and ACE) (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),
 - iii. Stimulus/Economic Impact individual payments.
- h. Loans which must be repaid.
- i. Insurance payments for damage to a house or car if used for repair or replacement.
- j. 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.

- k. Employee reimbursements: Reimbursements from an employer for expenses incurred by the employee such as:
 - i. Mileage,
 - ii. Travel,
 - iii. Tuition, etc.

- l. 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, Payments received by property owners under the National Flood Insurance Program.

- m. In-kind housing and other in-kind benefits

- n. (Child support and alimony payments paid by an applicant cannot be excluded from their income.)