



# FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION




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## POLICY BULLETIN #10-56-ELI

### CASH ASSISTANCE AND FOOD STAMP BUDGETING CHANGES

<b>Date:</b> May 28, 2010	<b>Subtopic(s):</b> Cash Assistance and Food Stamps Eligibility
<p> This procedure can now be accessed on the FIAweb.</p> <p>Other household changes may affect the number of budgets required, such as a change in household size, rent or shelter allowance, etc.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform Job Center and Non Cash Assistance Food Stamp (NCA FS) Center staff about a new Cash Assistance (CA) and Food Stamp (FS) budgeting changes desk guide.</p> <p>In order to assist staff who must calculate the amount of retroactive CA or FS benefits owed to individuals who incorrectly lost benefits, the Human Resources Administration (HRA) has created a CA/FS budgeting changes desk guide for staff to utilize to ensure accurate calculation of underpayment amounts.</p> <p>The Cash Assistance (CA) and Food Stamp (FS) Budgeting Changes from 2002 to 2010 form (<b>W-122E</b>) indicates all of the budgeting changes that affect eligibility limits, deductions, disregards, and benefit levels for CA and FS from the year 2002 to the present. It includes the type of change and the effective date of each change.</p> <p>Staff must start and/or end each budget calculation period with the onset of each change.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p>A period of underpayment for CA and FS occurred from 2/1/04 through 11/30/04 for a household with earned income. To figure the correct amount of the underpayment, using the <b>W-122E</b>, it is determined that a minimum of three separate budgets must be calculated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first budget must be calculated from 2/1/04 through 5/31/04 (the Earned Income Disregard [EID] changed 6/1/04).</li> </ul>

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- The second budget must be calculated from 6/1/04 through 9/30/04 with the new EID percentage, but must end on 9/30/04 because new FS changes went into effect on 10/1/04.
- The last budget must be calculated from 10/1/04 through 11/30/04.

Form **W-122E** reflects all changes that have occurred through July 1, 2010 and will be updated as applicable changes are implemented.

*Effective Immediately*

**Attachment:**

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**W-122E**                      Cash Assistance (CA) and Food Stamp (FS)  
Budgeting Changes 2002-2010

**Cash Assistance (CA) and Food Stamp (FS)  
Budgeting Changes From 2002 to 2010**  
(for use with the automated CA and FS calculator)

Year	Budgeting Change	Type of Change	Effective Date	Change Also Impacts
2002	<b>CA Earned Income Disregard (EID)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increased to 50%</li> </ul>	6/1/2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA Gross Income Test (GIT)</li> <li>CA Poverty Guideline Test (PGT)</li> <li>CA Net Income Test (NIT)</li> </ul>
	<b>FS benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$367</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$139 for one and \$256 for two persons</li> <li>Personal care shelter amount reduced by \$4</li> </ul>	10/1/2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>Zero Benefit Levels</li> <li>Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) FS benefit amounts</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> </ul>
2003	<b>CA EID</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increased to 51%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	<b>FS benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$378</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$141 for one and \$259 for two persons</li> <li>Personal care shelter amount reduced by \$2</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>Zero Benefit Levels</li> <li>Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) FS benefit amounts</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> </ul>
	<b>Shelter allowances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in CA standard shelter allowances for households with children and pregnant females</li> </ul>	11/1/2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
2004	<b>CA EID</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID reduced to 43%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	<b>FS benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$388</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$149 for one and \$274 for two persons</li> <li>Personal care shelter amount reduced by \$2</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>Zero benefit levels</li> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> </ul>

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Year	Budgeting Change	Type of Change	Effective Date	Change Also Impacts
2005	CA EID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gross earned/unearned income of CA applicants/participants cannot exceed the 2005 Federal Poverty Guidelines</li> <li>CA EID increased to 45%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$400</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$152 for one and \$278 for two persons</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FS standard deduction</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> <li>Zero benefit levels</li> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> </ul>
2006	FS Standard Utility Allowances (SUA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUA Level 1 increased to \$577</li> <li>SUA Level 2 increased to \$256</li> </ul>	2/1/2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>
	CA EID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increase to 47%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$417</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$155 for one and \$284 for two persons</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130% and 165% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FS standard deduction</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>
2007	CA EID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increased to 48%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$431</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$162 for one and \$298 for two persons</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130% and 165% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FS standard deduction</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>

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2008	CA EID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increased to 50%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$446</li> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$176 for one and \$323 for two persons</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130%, 165%, and 200% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FS standard deduction</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>
2009	SUA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUA Level 1 increased to \$781</li> <li>SUA Level 2 increased to \$308</li> </ul>	2/1/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>
	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boarder/lodger exclusion increased to \$200 for one and \$367 for two persons</li> </ul>	4/1/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TFP FS benefit amounts</li> </ul>
	CA EID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA EID increased to 52%</li> <li>CA Poverty Guidelines</li> </ul>	6/1/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% increase to the Basic Allowance</li> </ul>	7/1/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>
2010	FS benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum excess shelter deduction increased to \$459</li> <li>FS table amounts for the 130%, 165%, and 200% GIT</li> </ul>	10/1/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FS standard deduction</li> <li>Excess shelter maximum and standard deduction amounts</li> <li>Net income eligibility levels</li> </ul>
	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% increase to the Basic Allowance</li> </ul>	7/1/2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CA GIT</li> <li>CA PGT</li> <li>CA NIT</li> </ul>