

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ADMINISTRATION

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POLICY DIRECTIVE #09-07-ELI

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CASH ASSISTANCE RESOURCE POLICY

Date: February 2, 2009	Subtopic(s): Resources
AUDIENCE	The instructions in this policy directive are for staff in Job Centers. This directive also serves as an addendum to the resource procedure in Chapter 19 of the Temporary Assistance Source Book (TASB) and Section 16 of the Food Stamp Source Book. This is informational for all other staff.
REVISIONS	 The Kelley Blue Book monthly pricing guide has changed the terminology to describe the value category used by the Family Independence Administration (FIA) to determine the value of an automobile. The terminology has been changed from "trade-in" value to "good condition" value. The applicant/participant must be advised of their right to prove that their vehicle is actually worth less than the estimated value provided by the Kelley Blue Book. Such proof, if provided, must be accepted in lieu of the Kelley Blue Book estimate. Attachment A has been removed because the lump-sum information is now contained in the What you Should Know About

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POLICY

Resources must be used to eliminate or reduce the need for Cash Assistance (CA) and conserve public funds through assignment and recovery.

As a condition of eligibility, applicants/participants are required to use available resources and to apply for, as well as pursue, potentially available resources. Applicants for, or participants of, CA must not exceed the resource limits. All resources (if any) must be evaluated to determine whether they are countable towards the resource limit or exempt.

Resource Limit

The current CA and FS Resource Limits/Exemptions Desk Guide (**W-204X**) is used to help determine eligibility.

CA households are allowed up to \$2,000 in liquid resources.

CA households with at least one person 60 years of age or older are allowed up to \$3,000 in liquid resources.

Licensed Vehicles

A CA household may own one vehicle with a wholesale value of \$4,650. If the vehicle is used to travel to and from work or to seek or maintain employment activities, the exemption amount is increased to \$9,300. The amount by which the fair market value of the automobile exceeds the appropriate exempt amount is countable toward the appropriate liquid resource limit (\$2,000 or \$3,000).

Revised

In determining the fair market value of an automobile for CA, use the average good condition book value as quoted in the Kelley Blue Book monthly publication. The equity value of a vehicle is determined by using the average good condition value less any encumbrances (liens, amounts still owed). However, in those instances in which the applicant/participant can prove that the vehicle is actually worth less than the Kelley Blue Book estimate, such proof must be accepted. The applicant/participant must be advised of this right to provide such proof.

Real Property

For purposes of CA, a house, condominium, or cooperative that is the applicant's/participant's primary residence is excluded from the resource limit. The Agency may, however, execute a lien on the property even if the household agrees to repay the Agency for assistance received.

The exemption period for real property (not a home or primary residence) is six months. During such time the applicant/participant must make a good faith effort to sell the property and agree to use the proceeds from the sale of the property to repay the Agency any assistance he/she received but would not have been entitled to had the property been sold immediately.

CA Two-year Postsecondary Education Fund Resource Exemption A participant with a bank account created for the sole purpose of paying tuition at a two-year accredited postsecondary educational institution can have up to \$1,400 exempted without any of it being counted towards his/her CA resource level. This account must be separate and distinct from any other account. One account per household member is allowed and the individual does not have to be in school when the account is created.

Lump Sum Payments

A lump sum payment is any type of one-time-only payment, such as lottery winnings or retroactive payments. A portion or all of a lump sum payment to a CA participant may now be set aside when determining eligibility, if the portion, when combined with a household's countable resources, would not exceed the household's CA resource level.

In addition, any or all of the lump sum may be set aside if it is used by a participant within 90 days of receipt to:

- purchase an automobile that is exempt from the resource limit because it is needed to seek or retain employment or for travel to and from work (maximum \$9,300).
- create a resource-exempt bank account for the purpose of purchasing an automobile to seek or retain employment (maximum amount \$4,650).
- purchase a resource-exempt burial plot.
- purchase a resource-exempt bona fide funeral agreement (maximum amount \$1,500).
- create an exempt bank account used for the sole purpose of paying tuition for a two-year postsecondary institution. The amount cannot exceed \$1,400.

Excluded Resources

The following disaster assistance payments to victims of the September 11, 2001 disaster are <u>permanently</u> exempt as income and resources for the purposes of determining eligibility for CA, Food Stamps (FS) and Medicaid (MA). These payments include:

See <u>PB #01-66-EMP</u> for information on the treatment of disaster relief assistance.

Federal assistance provided under Public Law (P.L.) 93-288, Section 312(d) (Disaster Relief Act of 1974), as amended by P.L. 100-707. This includes assistance paid to residents of the disaster area, and people who live outside the area, even outside New York City, who lost their jobs as a direct result of the disaster. This also includes Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) paid during the period 9/17/2001 through 3/17/2002, through the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) to persons directly affected by the disaster whose unemployment or self-employment were lost or interrupted as a result of the September 11, 2001 disaster.

- Comparable disaster assistance payments provided by State or local governments, or by disaster assistance organizations such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) payments made when there is a disaster or emergency.

Staff should also reference the TASB, Chapter 19 for a listing of all resources that are excluded when determining eligibility for CA.

REQUIRED ACTION

Refer to FS Resource PD #08-01-ELI.

During the application/recertification interview, the JOS/Worker must explore the availability of any resource(s) with the applicant or participant. The JOS/Worker must determine whether the household is categorically eligible for FS. If the household is categorically eligible for FS, the resource limitations do not apply to the FS portion of the CA/FS case but may apply to the CA portion. For CA households, the JOS/Worker must identify the resource as either an exempt or nonexempt resource in order to determine eligibility.

Motor Vehicles

When an applicant/participant presents verification that he/she has a motor vehicle:

- review the vehicle registration to document the make, model, year, registration/plate number, registration expiration date, and class of registration. Ownership is documented by the title of the motor vehicle.
- refer to the Kelley Blue Book for the current wholesale or trade-in (fair market value [FMV]) value of the vehicle. If the FMV is \$4,650 or below, the vehicle is exempt from the resource limit. Use the Kelley Blue Book (www.kbb.com) for the "good condition" value when determining the fair market value of an automobile for CA eligibility purposes. When using the Kelly Blue Book select the "Trade-In Value" as it pertains to what consumers can expect to receive from the dealer for a trade-in vehicle. The Kelly Blue Book will also require additional information specific to the vehicle such as mileage and additional amenities. This information should be obtained from the applicant/participant. The equity value of a vehicle is then determined by the Kelley Blue Book "good condition" value less any encumbrances.
- inform the applicant/participant that if he/she believes that the value of the vehicle is less than the amount quoted he/she has the right to provide at least three estimates from separate automobile dealers of the same vehicle make and model.

Refer to PD #03-42-OPE for information on accessing the Kelley Blue Book online.

Revised

General purpose vehicles have a \$4,650 resource limit.

 give the applicant/participant the opportunity to submit an appraisal from a reliable source if he/she claims that the Kelley Blue Book value does not apply to his/her vehicle. In those instances in which the applicant/participant can prove that the vehicle is actually worth less than the original estimate, such proof must be accepted.

Example: A family of three (all under 60 years of age) applies for CA. At the eligibility interview, the JOS/Worker is informed that the family owns a 2007 Ford Taurus SEL Sedan 4D that is in good condition, and has accrued 10,000 miles. The vehicle is used for general purposes (not used for work or to seek employment). The Kelley Blue Book indicates that the good condition value is \$7,475, which makes the household ineligible for CA. However, the family firmly believes that the actual value of the vehicle is much less. They provided three separate dealer estimates indicating that the value of the vehicle is indeed only \$4,500. The vehicle is now valued at the amount quoted by the dealers and since the vehicle is less than the \$4,650 resource limit for a motor vehicle, the household remains eligible for CA.

 If the vehicle is used for <u>general purposes only</u> and the FMV is more than \$4,650, regardless of any encumbrances (e.g., liens or monies still owed), apply the excess against the household's liquid resource limit.

Example: A family of three (all under 60 years of age) applies for CA. At the eligibility interview, the JOS/Worker is informed that the family owns a 2007 Ford Taurus SEL Sedan 4D that is in good condition, and has accrued 10,000 miles. The vehicle is used for general purposes (not used for work or to seek employment). The Kelley Blue Book indicates that the good condition value is \$7,475. Under the resource limits guidelines, the first \$4,650 is exempt, leaving \$2,825 to be applied against the \$2,000 cash resource limits. The family is ineligible for CA.

Vehicles used for work or to seek employment have a \$9,300 resource limit.

- If the vehicle is used for employment or work activity purposes and the applicant/participant is eligible for or in receipt of assistance, exempt the first \$9,300 and apply any excess against the household's resource limits for CA.
- If the applicant/participant owns a new vehicle which is not yet listed in the Kelley Blue Book, make collateral contact with a car dealership that sells the same vehicle to request the wholesale value of the vehicle.

Additional vehicles

• If the household owns more than one vehicle, the equity value (FMV less any encumbrances) of the additional vehicles is counted against the household's liquid resource limit.

Real Property

If an applicant/participant reports that he/she owns real property, review the deed. Verify the name on the deed and refer the applicant/participant to the Investigation Revenue and Enforcement Administration (IREA) Real Property Unit of the Bureau of Eligibility Verification (BEV) at 250 Livingston Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 11201, as follows:

Liens are placed by IREA Liens and Recovery Division

- Prepare the Information and Referral Notice (<u>W-34A</u>) and include all information on the real property.
- Telephone the BEV Telephone Bank at (718) 254-0400 to schedule the appointment for the applicant/participant. State that the appointment is for the Real Property Resource Interview.
- Give the applicant/participant the original W-34A form to take to the interview; file a copy of form W-34A in the case record.
- BEV will give the applicant/participant a Compliance with Real Property and Assets Unit form as verification of compliance to return to the Worker at the Job Center.
- BEV will send notification to the Job Center when an applicant/participant fails to comply with BEV. An individual in a single-person household or a multiple person household (household size is greater than one), who fails to comply with BEV by refusing to sign or execute a lien, must be sanctioned using Welfare Management System (WMS) Reject/Closing Code F84 (Failure to Sign Lien).

Note: In households with more than one adult, only the adult(s) listed on the deed are sanctioned for noncompliance.

 If the applicant/participant is in receipt of CA, BEV will forward the property resource information to the IREA Liens and Recovery Division. Within six months dating from the time the resource was reported, the Liens and Recovery Division will put a lien on the property.

This exemption applies to CA cases only

Two-year College Fund Resource Exemption

A separate and distinct bank account of up to \$1,400 that is created only to pay for tuition at a two-year (not a four-year) accredited postsecondary educational institution is now exempt from the CA resource limit, as long as the funds are not used for any other purpose. The participant does not have to be enrolled in an academic program at the time the account is established. Only one account per active CA member in the household is allowed.

Once established, the JOS/Worker must monitor the account balances at least at recertification, to ensure the funds are used only for the earmarked tuition expense. Proper documentation of these accounts must be obtained directly from the financial institution. If it is determined that the funds were used for purposes other than intended, the amount of the funds in the account at the time of the withdrawal are countable towards the resource limit.

The exemption applies only to CA participants. It does not apply to applicants, but the exemption continues to apply if the participant goes off and back on assistance. Once the account is established as a participant, the funds are exempt for CA purposes unless the circumstances in the note below apply.

Note: If a two-year college tuition account is created with lump sum income and the funds are later withdrawn and used inappropriately, the value of the account is not only a countable resource but the prior lump sum ineligibility period is reinstated as appropriate, based on the amount withdrawn. Any resulting overpayment would be calculated retroactive to the effective date of the initial notice.

Liquid Resources

Liquid resources include, but are not limited to, cash on hand, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, and promissory notes. If the countable or nonexempt resources combined (cash, motor vehicle, real property) exceeds the allowable maximum, the entire CA household is ineligible for CA.

Excess resources

If an applicant/participant has resources in excess of the allowable maximum, he/she is ineligible for assistance in that calendar month and in any month in which resources exceed the limit. In instances in which an applicant/participant has excess resources, deny/close the case using one of the codes listed on the next page.

If an applicant's/participant's case is denied/closed due to excess resources, the case remains closed until the excess resource is sold, exhausted or is no longer available to the household. The applicant/participant will be resource-eligible again the month following the selling or exhausting of the resource.

Resource-Related Closing/Denial Codes

Refer to the Worker's **Guide to Codes Manual** for details

CA Closing Codes/Reason

146	Excess Resources – 60+ Client No Longer in Household
U40	Excess Resources
U41	Transfer of Resources (SNCA/SNNC cases)
U42	Excess Resources/Refused to Sell Property
U43	Excess Resources – End of Six-Month Period
U44	Excess Resources – Deemed Resources of Alien Sponsor (FA/SNFP cases)

When a Client Notices System (CNS) automated notice is prepared for these cases, the "CA/FS Resource Calculation Screen" (WCNO18) includes a check-off for the resource limit amounts. Enter "X" to the left of the appropriate resource limit for the household – \$2,000 or \$3,000, whichever is applicable.

CA Denial Code/Reason

U40 Excess resources; Your amount of resources exceeds the limit

Lump Sum Policy

Lump Sum Policy (Set-aside Rule)

A CA participant can receive a lump sum payment without affecting his/her eligibility if:

- the amount received exceeds the standard of need for the household size
- the household's resources do not exceed the CA resource limit when the lump sum payment is combined with the household's countable resources

Example A:

A household size of three with CA needs of \$345.50 semimonthly and \$500 in current resources receives a lump sum payment of \$1,000. The lump sum payment exceeds the \$345.50 standard of need for the household. The \$1,000 lump sum payment plus the \$500 countable resources = \$1,500 and does not exceed the CA resource limit. This means the participant can keep the \$1,000 without it affecting his/her eligibility.

If the lump sum payment, when combined with the household's current countable resources, exceeds the CA resource limit, the set-aside rule is applied to determine how much of the lump sum is budgetable.

The JOS/Worker must determine the amount to set aside by subtracting the household's current resources from the CA resource limit (CA resource limit – current countable resources = set-aside amount). Once the set-aside amount is determined, the JOS/Worker must subtract the set-aside amount from the total lump sum payment and then budget the difference as a lump sum payment in accordance with current procedure.

Example B:

Determining the set-aside

A household size of three with CA needs of \$345.50 semimonthly and \$500 in current resources receives a lump sum payment of \$2,100 from lottery winnings. The lump sum payment exceeds the household's standard of need, and if added to the household's current countable resources, the household would become ineligible (\$500 + \$2,100 = \$2,600) due to excess resources. In this instance the set-aside rule is applied. The household's CA resource limit is \$2,000. Therefore, the JOS/Worker must set aside \$1,500 (\$2,000 - \$500 = \$1,500) from the lump sum payment as a noncountable resource. Subtract the set-aside amount from the total lump sum payment to determine how much, if any, of the lump sum payment is budgetable (\$2,100 - \$1,500 = \$600). The remaining amount of the lump sum payment (\$600) can be budgeted against the household's needs (\$345.50 semimonthly) to determine eligibility and benefit amount.

The set-aside rule only applies if the lump sum payment exceeds the standard of need for the household size. Nonexempt lump sum payments that are less than the standard of need are counted as income in the month received.

Example C:

A household of three with a standard of need of \$345.50 semimonthly receives a lump sum payment of \$100. Since the lump sum payment does not exceed the household's standard of need, the lump sum payment is budgeted as unearned income in the month received. If the participant has other income already budgeted, a new budget must be calculated to include this income with the previously budgeted income to determine the household's new budget deficit.

Other resource exemptions allowed for lump sum payments

In addition to the initial resource limit set-aside exemption, any remainder of the lump sum payment or the entire lump sum payment can be further set aside if the participant applies any or all of the lump sum to any of the following within 90 days of receipt:

See the "Motor Vehicles" section of this policy directive for exempt motor vehicles.

The purchase of an automobile that is exempt from the resource limit because it is needed to seek or retain employment or for travel to and from work (maximum \$9,300)

Accounts for generalpurpose automobiles are not exempt.

- A resource-exempt bank account that is established to purchase a first or replacement automobile that will be used to seek or retain employment (maximum amount \$4,650)
- A college tuition account that is used to pay tuition at a two-year postsecondary educational institution (maximum amount \$1,400)
- A resource-exempt burial plot
- amount \$1,500)

Repaying past assistance

• A resource-exempt bona fide funeral agreement (maximum

Forms M-158 and M-158e are stocked by the warehouse and are not available through Print on Demand. Center Directors must contact the warehouse to replenish the supply of forms.

A participant can also turn all or part of the lump sum payment over to the Agency to repay past assistance. If the participant chooses to do so, advise him/her to submit a check or money order made payable to the Human Resources Administration. The payment must be submitted to the Disbursement and Collection (D&C) Unit. D&C will give the participant a copy of the Single Item Cash Collection (M-**158**) form, which indicates the amount submitted. One copy of form M-158 is forwarded to the JOS/Worker while the original along with the Transmittal/Batch Control (M-158e) form and the money is forwarded to the Division of Accounts Receivable and Billing, 180 Water Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10038.

Must be documented

If the participant verifies through documentation that he/she has used that amount of the lump sum in whole or in part for one or more of the exempt resources listed above within 90 days of receipt, the JOS/Worker must determine eligibility based on the unused portion of the lump sum payment.

Example D:

A Family Assistance household of three with current countable resources of \$500 and CA needs of \$345.50 semimonthly receives a lump sum payment of \$5,000 from bingo. The lump sum payment exceeds the household's standard of need, and if combined with the current countable resources, would exceed the CA resource limit (\$2,000). Using the set-aside rule, \$1,500 would be subtracted from the \$5,000 lump sum payment (Resource Limit [\$2,000] minus current resources [\$500] = \$1,500 [set-aside]) and \$3,500 would be budgetable. The \$3,500 exceeds the CA needs; thus the household would be ineligible for CA for a period of time (in this case, five months with the remainder to be applied in the sixth month) unless the household turns the \$3,500 over to the Agency to repay past assistance or uses it within 90 days for one or more of the exceptions listed on page eight of this policy directive.

Lump Sum-Related Closing Code

Use WMS Closing Code **E38** (Excess Income – Lump Sum) to close a CA case that is ineligible because of a lump sum payment.

PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

Paperless Office System (POS) Implications The **Resources** window records various types of resources the household member(s) may possess. The JOS/Worker must use the scroll bar to view all of the questions. A "Yes" response to any question prompts a **Response to Question** window. Enter the required information, including all documents to be scanned that refer to the resource, along with a comment. Then click the **OK** button (to save the response before exiting the question) or the **Cancel** button (to exit the question without saving the response).

Food Stamp Implications

Categorically eligible households are not subject to FS resource limits. Categorically eligible households are households that do not include a sanctioned individual or an individual who is disqualified because of an Intentional Program Violation (IPV), and:

- receive or are eligible for CA and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI); or
- pass the 130% gross income test; or
- include members who are aged or disabled <u>and</u> pass the 200% gross income test.

If a CA case is denied/closed as a result of resources, a separate FS determination is required and the FS resource policy must be applied to the Non Cash Assistance (NCA) FS case if the case is not categorically eligible for FS. Nonrecurring lump sum payments are counted as a resource in the month the payment was received. For more detailed information concerning the FS resource policy refer to Section 16 of the Food Stamp Source Book (FSSB).

Medicaid Implications

The resources limits must be applied when determining MA eligibility. Please note the following exceptions:

- The MA resource limit is \$3,000 for all Family Assistance cases.
 For single individuals and childless couples, the MA resource limit is \$2,000.
- Nonexempt real property must be fully counted as a resource for MA purposes. The six-month exemption for liquidation of real property when applying for CA does <u>not</u> apply to MA applicants/participants.

Applicants/participants who have excess resources or real property (other than his/her primary residence) are ineligible for MA.

LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING ABILITY (LESA) AND HEARING-IMPAIRED IMPLICATIONS

For Limited English-Speaking Ability (LESA) and/or hearing-impaired applicants/participants, make sure to obtain appropriate interpreter services in accordance with PD #08-18-OPE and PD #08-20-OPE.

FAIR HEARING IMPLICATIONS

Avoidance/ Resolution

Applicants and participants whose cases are denied/closed for excess resources are entitled to request a Fair Hearing.

Remember to give the individual an opportunity for a conference and/or resolution on this issue. Please evaluate each case according to the resource changes listed in this directive.

Conferences

An applicant/participant can request and receive a conference with a Fair Hearing and Conference (FH&C) AJOS/Supervisor I at any time. If an applicant/participant comes to the Job Center requesting a conference, the Receptionist must alert the FH&C Unit that the individual is waiting to be seen. In Model Offices, the Receptionist at Main Reception will issue an FH&C ticket to the applicant/participant to route him/her to the FH&C Unit and does not need to verbally alert the FH&C Unit staff.

The FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I will listen to and evaluate any material presented by the applicant/participant, review the case file and discuss the issue(s) with the JOS/Worker responsible for the case and/or the JOS/Worker's Supervisor. The AJOS/Supervisor I will explain the reason for the Agency's action(s) to the applicant/participant.

If the determination is that the applicant/participant has presented good cause for the infraction or shown that the outstanding Notice of Intent needs to be withdrawn for other reasons, the FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I will Settle in Conference (SIC), enter detailed case notes in NYCWAY and forward all verifying documentation submitted by the applicant/participant to the appropriate JOS/Worker for corrective action to be taken. In addition, if the adverse case action still shows on the "Pending" (08) screen in WMS, the AJOS/Supervisor I must prepare and submit a Fair Hearing/Case Update Data Entry Form (LDSS- 3722), change the 02 to 01 if the case has been granted Aid to Continue (ATC), or prepare and submit a CA Recoupment Data Entry Form – WMS (LDSS-3573) to delete a recoupment. The AJOS/Supervisor I must complete a Conference Report (M-186a).

If the determination is that the applicant/participant has not shown good cause for the infraction or that the Agency's action(s) should stand, then the AJOS/Supervisor I will explain to the applicant/participant why he/she cannot SIC. The AJOS/Supervisor I must complete form **M-186a**.

Should the applicant/participant elect to continue his/her appeal by requesting a Fair Hearing or proceeding to a Fair Hearing already requested, the FH&C AJOS/Supervisor I is responsible for ensuring that further appeal is properly controlled and that appropriate follow-up action is taken in all phases of the Fair Hearing process.

Evidence Packets

All complete and relevant Evidence Packets must include verification of the applicant's/participant's resources. This includes a copy of the relevant bank statement, bankbook, insurance policy, property deed, or vehicle registration, the decision made by the Resource Consultant, and the appropriate WMS printouts.

REFERENCES

08 TA/DC029

07 ADM - 09 Categorical Eligibility for Food Stamps

03 ADM-10 TA Policy Changes: Lump Sum Set Asides and

Resource Two-Year College Fund Exemption

00 ADM-5 Changes in the Automobile Exemption Policy for

Temporary Assistance (TA)

GIS 01 TA/DC040 Exemption of Disaster Relief Payments

Social Services Law 131-n

18 NYCRR 352.23

Temporary Assistance Source Book Chapter 19

Food Stamp Source Book Section 16

RELATED ITEMS

PD #03-42-OPE Kelley Blue Book FS Resource Policy

ATTACHMENTS

☐ Please use Print on Demand to obtain copies of forms.

M-158 Single Item Cash Collection (Rev. 5/07)

M-158e Transmittal/Batch Control Form (Rev. 6/98)

W-204X CA and FS Resource Limits/Exemptions Desk

Guide (Rev. 2/2/09)

THE CITY OF NEW YORK HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND BILLING

180 WATER STREET, 9th Floor

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10038

SINGLE ITEM CASH COLLECTION

(NOTE: THE COLLECTION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM)

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND BILLING

180 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10038

TRANSMITTAL/BATCH CONTROL FORM

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CA and FS Resource Limits/Exemptions Desk Guide

The following rules apply to all applicants and participants. However, for FS purposes, households that are categorically eligible for FS are not subject to the resource limitation requirements.

Resources	Cash Assistance (CA)	Food Stamps (FS)	
Licensed Vehicles	 The household may own one vehicle with a fair market value* of \$4,650. If the vehicle is used to travel to and from employment or to seek or Maintain work activities, the exemption amount is increased to \$9,300. The fair market value is determined by using the "good condition" trade-in value quoted in the Kelley Blue Book. In determining the fair market value of an automobile, the Agency uses the "good condition" trade-in value as quoted in the Kelly Blue Book. However, in those instances in which the client can prove that the vehicle is actually worth less than the fair market value quoted by the Kelly Blue Book, such proof must be accepted. The equity value of a vehicle is determined by using the Kelly Blue Book "good condition" trade-in value; less in any encumbrances. 	One licensed vehicle per adult household member and one licensed vehicle for each child under 18 years of age who uses the vehicle for school, work, training, or to look for work is excluded from the resource test. Additional Licensed Vehicles are excluded when: Used to produce earned income (including situations in which the use of one's personally owned vehicle is required for employment such as that of a courier, delivery person, etc.); Annually producing income consistent with its fair market value, even if used only on a seasonal basis; Necessary for long-distance travel, other than daily commuting, when it is essential to the employment of a household member or ineligible alien or disqualified person regardless of purpose of transportation; Used as the household's home; Necessary to transport a physically disabled household member or ineligible alien or disqualified person; Leased by a household member; The title is held by a ponmember AND no member of the household is permitted to access the cash value of the vehicle; A household depends on it to carry fuel for heating or water for home use; The sale of the vehicle will produce a return of \$1,500 or less. NONEXCLUDED: Licensed vehicles that do not meet these criteria must have the full equity value applied to the household's applicable liquid resource limit. Unlicensed vehicles and recreational vehicles must have their full equity value applied to the household's resource limit. NOTE: Resources of categorically eligible individuals continue to be exempt from the Food Stamp resource test.	
Liquid Cash Limits (includes bank accounts, saving bonds, and cash on hand)	 \$3,000 for a household in which at least one person is elderly (60 years of age or older). \$2,000 for all other households. 	 \$3,000 for a household in which at least one person is elderly (60 years of age or older) or disabled. \$2,000 for all other households. 	
Liquid Cash Exemptions*	 Federal assistance provided under Public Law (P.L.) 93-288 Section 312(d) (Disaster Relief Act of 1974), as amended by P.L. 100-707. Comparable disaster assistance payments provided by state or local governments, or by disaster relief organizations, such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) payments made when there is a disaster or emergency. One separate bank account per household member that is created for the sole purpose of paying tuition at a two-year accredited, post secondary institution. 	 Federal assistance provided under Public Law (P.L.) 93-288 Section 312(d) (Disaster Relief Act of 1974), as amended by P.L. 100-707. Comparable disaster assistance payments provided by state or local governments, or by disaster relief organizations, such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) payments made when there is a disaster or emergency. See Section 16 of the Food Stamp Source Book for a full list of excluded resources. 	

^{*}See Chapter 19 of the Temporary Assistance Source Book for a full list of excluded resources.

NOTE: Resources of categorically eligible individuals continue to be exempt from the Food Stamp resource test. Households with a member that is sanctioned or disqualified due to an IPV are not categorically eligible for FS and must pass the resource test.

CA and FS Resource Limits/Exemptions Desk Guide (continued)

The following rules apply to all applicants and participants. However, for FS purposes, households that are categorically eligible for FS are not subject to the resource limitation requirements.

Resources	Cash Assistance (CA)	Food Stamps (FS)		
Lump Sum Payment Exemptions These exemptions apply to participants only.	The lump sum period of ineligibility can be shortened if: • the lump sum is used to repay the Agency for past assistance; • a resource set aside (maximum = \$2,000 for individual or family, or \$3,000 for individual or family with a member 60+; or • the lump sum is used to pay for medical expenses that would have been covered by Medicaid; • the lump sum becomes unavailable for reasons beyond the family's control; • the lump sum is used to meet the household's increased standard of need. OR The lump sum is used within 90 days for one of the following: • the purchase of an automobile that is exampt from resource limit because it is needed to seek or retain employment or iravel to and from work (makimum \$9,300); • a resource-exempt bank account that is established to purchase a first or replacement automobile that will be used to seek or retain employment (maximum \$4,650); • a college tuition account that is used to pay tuition at a two-year post secondary education institution (maximum = \$1,400); • a resource-exempt burial plot; • a resource-exempt bona fide funeral agreement (maximum = \$1,500).	Nonrecurring lump sum payments are counted as a resource in the month the payment was received.		
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	Exempt as income or a resource, whether received as a refund or as an advance payment as long as the EITC amount remains identifiable.	Advance payments of Federal EITC are excluded in the month received. Federal and State EITC paid in the form of a lump sum at the end of the year are also excluded as long as they remain identifiable.		
Household Goods and Personal Effects	Items essential to day-to-day living, such as clothes, furniture, and other similarly essential items of limited value.			
Home	A home that is the primary residence of the family.			
Burial Plot	One burial plot or space per household member.			
Funeral Agreement	One funeral per household member (maximum equity value of \$1,500).			
Real Property (not primary residence)	Exempt for six (6) months while the household is making a good faith effort to sell if the individual agrees, in writing, to repay Cash Assistance received. Real property remains excluded as a resource when the household is making good faith effort to sell the property at a reasonable price and has not yet so			

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