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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1611

Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is required by law to establish maximum income levels for individuals eligible for legal assistance. This document updates the specified income levels to reflect the annual amendments to the Federal Poverty Guidelines issued by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1007(a)(2) of the Legal Services Corporation Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2996f(a)(2), requires LSC to establish maximum income levels for individuals eligible for legal assistance. Section 1611.3(c) of LSC's regulations establishes a maximum income level equivalent to 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (Guidelines), which HHS is responsible for updating and issuing. 45 CFR 1611.3(c).

Each year, LSC updates appendix A to 45 CFR part 1611 to provide client income eligibility standards based on the most recent Guidelines. The figures for 2024, set out below, are equivalent to 125% of the Guidelines published by HHS on January 12, 2024.

In addition, LSC is publishing a chart listing income levels that are 200% of the Guidelines. This chart is for reference purposes only as an aid to recipients in assessing the financial eligibility of an applicant whose income is greater than 125% of the applicable Guidelines amount, but less than 200% of the applicable Guidelines amount (and who may be found to be financially eligible under duly adopted exceptions to the annual income ceiling in accordance with 45 CFR 1611.3, 1611.4, and 1611.5).

Except where there are minor variances due to rounding, the amount by which the guideline increases for each additional member of the household is a consistent amount.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 1611

Grant programs—law, Legal services.

For reasons set forth in the preamble, the Legal Services Corporation amends 45 CFR part 1611 as follows:

PART 1611—ELIGIBILITY

1. The authority citation for part 1611 continues to read as follows:

   Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).

2. Revise appendix A to part 1611 to read as follows:

Appendix A to Part 1611-- Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance

Legal Services Corporation 2024 Income Guidelines*

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1…….	$18,825	$23,513	$21,638
2…….	20,550	31,925	29,375
3…….	32,275	40,338	37,113
4…….	39,000	48,750	44,850
5…….	45,725	57,163	52,588
6…….	52,450	65,575	60,325
7…….	59,175	73,988	68,063
8…….	65,900	82,400	75,800
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	6,725	8,413	7,738

* The figures in this table represent 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

Reference Chart—200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines*

Size of household	48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1…….	$30,120	$37,620	$ 34,620
2…….	40,880	51,080	47,000
3…….	51,640	64,540	59,380
4…….	62,400	78,000	71,760
5…….	73,160	91,460	84,140
6…….	83,920	104,920	96,520
7…….	94,680	118,380	108,900

8…….	105,440	131,840	121,280
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add:	10,760	13,460	12,380

* The figures in this table represent 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).)

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