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**Summary**

Updated Clarifying Information note under WAC 388-414-0001 to support the lottery or gambling standard effective October 1, 2021.

See below for new text:



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**Purpose:**

This section explains which Basic Food assistance units (AUs) do not have to meet all of the eligibility requirements for Basic Food.

**WAC 388-414-0001 Do I have to meet all eligibility requirements for Basic Food?**

- **Clarifying Information**

## Clarifying Information - WAC 388-414-0001

200 percent of Federal Poverty (FPL) based on [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) published January 2021.

April 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022

Persons in AU	200 percent FPL	Persons in AU	200 percent FPL
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930
2	\$2,903	7	\$6,687
3	\$3,660	8	\$7,443
4	\$4,417	9	\$8,200
5	\$5,173	10	\$8,957

Add \$756 for each person over 10 AU members.

**NOTE:** Categorical Eligibility (CE) eliminates resource requirements, the gross income test, and net income test for AUs with countable income up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. If an AU has income up to this limit, we do not need to look at income limits or resources for Basic Food **unless** the AU can't be CE because:

- A member of the AU is disqualified from Basic Food for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV);
- The AU is disqualified from Basic Food for a substantial lottery or gambling win equal to or over ~~\$3, the amount in WAC 388-470-0005(8)(a)500~~; or
- The Head of Household is disqualified for not meeting Basic Food work requirements.

**NOTE:** As stated in [WAC 388-412-0015](#), if the monthly benefits of a one or two-person assistance unit are less than the minimum benefit because we are prorating the benefits for the month of application, the AU **will not** receive the minimum benefit for this initial month.

An AU that is CE doesn't automatically receive Basic Food benefits. If the AU is ineligible for a reason other than income or resources, CE status does not make them eligible for benefits. Examples of eligibility requirements not met by CE include:

1. **CE does not meet all eligibility requirements for Basic Food if the:**
  - a. AU is ineligible based on Striker requirements under [WAC 388-480-0001](#);
  - b. AU is disqualified for transferring countable resources based on Transfer of Property requirements under [WAC 388-488-0010](#);
  - c. AU is disqualified for a substantial lottery or gambling win equal to or over the amount in [WAC 388-470-0005\(8\)\(a\)](#).

- d. A member of the AU is disqualified from Basic Food for an Intentional Program Violation (IPV); or
- e. The Head of Household is disqualified for not meeting Basic Food work requirements.