

Changes to TANF and WorkFirst Eligibility Requirements



Washington state has changed rules for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and WorkFirst programs.

Beginning July 28, 2019, families are no longer permanently disqualified from TANF cash assistance due to three WorkFirst non-compliance terminations. In addition, families experiencing homelessness may receive additional months of assistance, beyond the 60-month lifetime limit (a time limit extension).

For the time limit extension, being homeless means:

- Living outside,
- Living in a building or other location not meant for human habitation,
- Living in a building or other location that you have no legal right to occupy,
- Living in an emergency shelter, or
- Living in a temporary housing program which may include a transitional or supportive housing program with a limited duration of stay.

Families who were disqualified from receiving TANF due to three WorkFirst non-compliance terminations, or used up all 60-months of TANF assistance and are currently experiencing homelessness, **may now qualify for cash assistance.**

To apply for cash assistance:

- Call the Customer Service Contact Center at 1-877-501-2233
- Complete a new application at WashingtonConnection.org
- Visit a local Community Services Office (CSO)