

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1611

Eligibility: Income Level for Individuals Eligible for Assistance

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Legal Services Corporation ("Corporation") 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 as issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 1997.

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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 the Corporation to establish maximum income levels for individuals eligible for legal assistance, and the Act provides that other specified factors shall be taken into account along with income.

Section 1611.3(b) of the Corporation's regulations establishes a maximum income level equivalent to one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. Since 1982, the Department of Health and Human Services has been responsible for updating and issuing the Poverty Guidelines.

The revised figures for 1997 set out below are equivalent to 125% of the current Poverty Guidelines as set out at 62 FR 10856 (March 10, 1997).

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Legal services.

PART 1611—ELIGIBILITY

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

Authority: Secs. 1006(b)(1), 1007(a)(1) Legal Services Corporation Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 2996e(b)(1), 2996f(a)(1), 2996f(a)(2).

2. Appendix A of Part 1611 is revised to read as follows:

APPENDIX A OF PART 1611—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 1997 POVERTY GUIDELINES*

Size of family unit	All states but Alaska and Hawaii ¹	Alaska ²	Hawaii ³
1	\$9,863	\$12,338	\$11,338
2	13,263	16,588	15,250
3	16,663	20,838	19,163
4	20,063	25,088	23,075
5	23,463	29,338	26,988
6	26,863	33,588	30,900
7	30,263	37,838	34,813
8	33,663	42,088	38,725

*The figures in this table represent 125% of the poverty guidelines by family size as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

¹ For family units with more than eight members, add \$3,400 for each additional member in a family.

² For family units with more than eight members, add \$4,250 for each additional member in a family.

³ For family units with more than eight members, add \$3,913 for each additional member in a family.

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