



TO: **W-2 Agencies**  
**TJ Contractors and Subcontractors**  
**TMJ Contractors and Subcontractors**  
**Training Staff**

BWF OPERATIONS MEMO					
No:	22-03				
DATE:	01/25/2022				
W-2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CF	<input type="checkbox"/>
JAL	<input type="checkbox"/>			JAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TMJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TJ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other EP	<input type="checkbox"/>				

FROM: Patara Horn, Director  
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Division of Family and Economic Security  
Department of Children and Families

**SUBJECT: *2022 Federal Poverty Level Changes for Wisconsin Works and Related Programs***

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2022

**PURPOSE**

This memo announces the 2022 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines that are used to determine financial eligibility for the Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loan (JAL), Emergency Assistance (EA), Living Independently Through Financial Empowerment (LIFE), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Transform Milwaukee Jobs (TMJ), and Transitional Jobs (TJ) programs.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, the United States Department of Health and Human Services updates the FPL guidelines based on the Consumer Price Index. Poverty guidelines are used to determine financial eligibility for W-2, JALs, EA, LIFE, RCA, TMJ, and TJ.

*POLICY*

The 2022 FPL amounts for W-2, JAL, EA, and RCA financial eligibility are as follows:

Group Size	Monthly 115% FPL
1	\$1,302.00
2	\$1,755.00
3	\$2,207.00
4	\$2,659.00
5	\$3,112.00
6	\$3,564.00
7	\$4,016.00
8	\$4,469.00
9	\$4,921.00
10	\$5,373.00
11	\$5,826.00
12	\$6,278.00
13	\$6,730.00
14	\$7,183.00
15	\$7,635.00
16	\$8,087.00
17	\$8,540.00
18	\$8,992.00
Each Additional Person Add	\$393.33

The 2022 FPL amounts for TMJ and TJ financial eligibility are as follows:

Group Size	Annual 150% FPL
1	\$20,385.00
2	\$27,465.00
3	\$34,545.00
4	\$41,625.00
5	\$48,705.00
6	\$55,785.00
7	\$62,865.00
8	\$69,945.00
9	\$77,025.00
10	\$84,105.00
11	\$91,185.00
12	\$98,265.00
13	\$105,345.00
14	\$112,425.00
15	\$119,505.00
16	\$126,585.00
17	\$133,665.00
18	\$140,745.00
Each Additional Person Add	\$7,080.00

The effective date of the new income limits is February 1, 2022. The new income limits apply to applications started on or after February 1, 2022.

### ***CARES WORKER WEB (CWW) AND WISCONSIN WORK PROGRAMS (WWP)***

DCF updated the CWW and WWP income limit tables used to determine EA, W-2, JAL, TMJ, TJ, and LIFE program eligibility with an effective date of February 1, 2022.

DCF is also updating WWP to approve TJ/TMJ and LIFE eligibility for applicants whose income is below 150% FPL and 200% FPL, respectively, and deny eligibility for applicants whose income equals 150% FPL for TJ/TMJ and 200% FPL for LIFE as instructed by existing policy.

A CARES mass change for W-2 eligibility will run on February 5, 2022. The CARES mass change will select all ongoing W-2 groups to compare their income to the 2022 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

### ***CONTACTS***

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