



NC Department of Health and Human Services Non-Citizen Income

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Non-Qualified Ineligible Noncitizens

Count all gross (non-prorated) income of non-qualified ineligible noncitizens when applying the expedited and gross income test for eligibility purposes. Include only eligible household members to determine gross income limit amount.

Count prorated countable gross income of non-qualified ineligible noncitizens in calculating the FNS unit's benefits, if the household's income does not exceed the gross income level or the household is not subject to the gross income test.

Non-Qualified Ineligible Noncitizens Example

Application received for household of 5. The household contains 2 undocumented adults and 3 US citizen children. One of the undocumented adults makes \$3,000 monthly in wages. The income should be compared to the 200% income limit for a household size of 3, which is \$4,304. Since the gross monthly income is below the 200% limit, the household is categorically eligible, and income would be prorated by NCFast for budgeting purposes.

Non-Qualified Ineligible Noncitizens Example

Application received for household of 5. The household contains 2 undocumented adults and 3 US citizen children. One of the undocumented adults makes \$6,000 monthly in wages. The income should be compared to the 200% income limit for a household size of 3, which is \$4,304. Since the gross monthly income is above the 200% limit, the household is ineligible. The TANF benefit evidence should not be added to the dashboard since the household is not categorically eligible.

Qualified Ineligible Noncitizens & Examples

Qualified ineligible noncitizens income is prorated for the gross income and expedite test as well as budgeting purposes.

Application received for household size of three. One LPR adult who has not met the 5-year waiting period and two US Citizen children. The LPR adult has not earned and cannot be credited with 40 qualifying work quarters and is therefore a qualified ineligible non-citizen. Prorated income should be counted for the gross income and expedited test as well as budgeting purposes. The client makes \$4,000 monthly in wages. $\$4,000 / 3 = \$1,333.33 \times 2 = \$2,666.67$. Comparing the prorated amount of \$2,666.67 to the 200% income limit for a household size of 2 (eligible members) \$3,408; the household is under the 200% limit and categorically eligible. NCFASST prorates the income automatically for budgeting purposes, so the total gross should be entered on the evidence dashboard. It is important for staff to know how to prorate in this instance for determining categorical eligibility.

Questions?

