

CalWORKs APPLICATION GUIDELINES

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is a public assistance cash benefit program for low-income families with minor children.

This brief questionnaire is intended to give **VERY** broad eligibility guidelines for CalWORKs applicants. If your family is potentially CalWORKs-eligible, you should apply to the Social Services Agency for a determination. If your family appears to be ineligible for CalWORKs, you may still be eligible for other benefit programs, such as Food Stamps and/or Medi-Cal. **When in doubt, APPLY**

<p>1. Do you have child(ren) – born in the United States - under 18 years of age in the home?</p>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. Is anyone pregnant?</p>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>IF EITHER QUESTION #1 OR #2 IS ANSWERED "YES", PROCEED TO STEP 3. IF NO, STOP HERE. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CALWORKS BUT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS.</p>		
<p>3. Is one of the parent(s) of the minor child(ren) deceased, absent from the home, or receiving disability?</p>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>IF YES, PROCEED TO STEP 4. IF NO, STOP HERE. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CALWORKS.</p>		
<p>4. Are the parents in the home employed (under 100 hours per month)?</p>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>IF YES, PROCEED TO STEP 5. IF NO, STOP HERE. YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CALWORKS.</p>		
	Parent #1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Parent #2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>5. What is the total monthly gross earned and unearned income of your family? ("Gross" is the amount <u>before</u> taxes are deducted, and includes earnings, child support, unemployment, disability, and any other income.)</p>	\$	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
<p>IF THE FAMILY HAS EARNINGS, DEDUCT \$90 FOR EACH EMPLOYED PERSON.</p>		
	-\$	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
<p>5.a Adjusted gross income</p>	=\$	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
<p>NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FAMILY</p>		
		<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
<p>5.b. Amount allowable from chart</p>		<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

# in Family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\$ Limit	619	1,014	1,257	1,492	1,703	1,915	2,105	2,291	2,485	2,698

Income Limits based on 7/1/15 – 6/30/16 MBSAC for Region 1.

IF 5.a IS LESS THAN 5.b, CONTINUE. IF 5.a IS LARGER THAN 5.b, YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CALWORKS BUT MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER BENEFIT PROGRAMS.

<p>6. What is the total amount of liquid assets? (Cash on hand, checking and savings account, etc.)</p>		<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
	Yes	No
<p>ARE THE LIQUID ASSETS OVER THE CalWORKs \$2,250 LIMIT?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IF "YES" STOP HERE, UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY IS OVER 60 YEARS OLD; THEN THE LIMIT IS \$3,250.

You have the right to apply for cash aid regardless of the outcome of this brief questionnaire. When in doubt, please apply.

