Purpose

REPLACE TEXCAP Handbook Item 4221, Countable Income and Income Exclusions

Implementation

Immediately

Background

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) authorizes a temporary Federal Additional Compensation program that provides a $25 per week increase in unemployment compensation for eligible workers. This increase is countable income for TEXCAP purposes.

Procedure

Replace Item 4221, Countable Income and Income Exclusions, with the following:

Most household income is “countable,” which means that it is used to determine the household's eligibility for TEXCAP. Countable income includes:

- Wages,
- Social Security benefits,
- Veteran's benefits,
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Federal Additional Compensation program increase in unemployment compensation, and
- Other types of benefits.

NOTE: To convert to annual income: multiply weekly income by 52; every two weeks by 26; twice a month by 24; and monthly income by 12.

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This Policy Remains in Effect Until Further Notice
Procedure continued

However, some household income and assistance must be “excluded” as income, which means that it is not used to determine the household's eligibility for TEXCAP. Excluded income and assistance includes:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps,
- Vendor payments,
- Loans,
- In-kind benefits,
- Rebates checks resulting from the economic stimulus act and
- Certain other types of benefits (contact your Commodity Distribution Specialist with any questions).

Authority


Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Commodity Distribution Specialist.