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**POLICY CODE:** #23-02  
**Reference: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA  
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**SUBJECT:** Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines

**TO:** CACFP Program Operators

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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**PURPOSE:** This memorandum announces the annual adjustments to the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Income Eligibility Guidelines for Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024, hence July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 to be used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals or the default to paid meals.

**BACKGROUND:** Pursuant to sections 9(b)(1) and 17(c)(4) of the Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)(1) and 42 U.S.C.1766(c)(4)) and Child and Adult Care Food Program (7 CFR part 226) the income eligibility guidelines are based on the Federal Income Poverty Guidelines and are stated by household size.

*See the attached Federal Register Vol. 88, No. 27 for detailed policy advisement and additional breakdown amounts of Income Eligibility Guidance.*

**POLICY UPDATE:** The organization representative is to compare the adult participant's household income to the income eligibility guidelines cited below and determine the appropriate reimbursement category. A CACFP participant must be authorized under one of the three reimbursement categories which are Free, Reduced-Price, or Paid.

**IMPLEMENTATION: Effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

The above adjustments shall be utilized for determining income eligibility for all applicants/participants of the CACFP program. The CACFP provider organization must replace the outdated Policy Notice with this one for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023. All CACFP providers must assure that the CACFP Household Letter is revised to reflect the annually updated 2023-2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines.

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### Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024 CACFP Income Eligibility Guidelines

Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Free, Reduced, or Paid category identified below for CACFP Meal and Supplement Rates of Reimbursement by Family Size.

<b>CACFP FREE MEAL CATEGORY</b>			
<b><u>Family Size</u></b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$18,954</b>	<b>\$1,580</b>	<b>\$365</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$25,636</b>	<b>\$2,137</b>	<b>\$493</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$32,318</b>	<b>\$2,694</b>	<b>\$622</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$3,250</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$45,682</b>	<b>\$3,807</b>	<b>\$879</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$52,364</b>	<b>\$4,364</b>	<b>\$1,007</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$59,046</b>	<b>\$4,921</b>	<b>\$1,136</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$65,728</b>	<b>\$5,478</b>	<b>\$1,264</b>
<b><i>Each Additional Family Member</i></b>	<b>\$6,682</b>	<b>\$557</b>	<b>\$129</b>

<b>CACFP REDUCED-PRICE MEAL CATEGORY</b>			
<b><u>Family Size</u></b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b><u>Weekly</u></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$26,973</b>	<b>\$2,248</b>	<b>\$519</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$36,482</b>	<b>\$3,041</b>	<b>\$702</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$45,991</b>	<b>\$3,833</b>	<b>\$885</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$55,500</b>	<b>\$4,625</b>	<b>\$1,068</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$65,009</b>	<b>\$5,418</b>	<b>\$1,251</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$74,518</b>	<b>\$6,210</b>	<b>\$1,434</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$84,027</b>	<b>\$7,003</b>	<b>\$1,616</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$93,536</b>	<b>\$7,795</b>	<b>\$1,799</b>
<b><i>Each Additional Family Member</i></b>	<b>\$9,509</b>	<b>\$793</b>	<b>\$183</b>

*NOTE: Any individual that has income above the CACFP Reduced-Price Meal Category threshold in any family size is categorized as a 'Paid' participant, hence paid reimbursement rates apply.*

Reference website: [Federal Register :: Child Nutrition Programs: Income Eligibility Guidelines](#)