**WAC 388-450-0015 What types of income are not used by the department to figure out my benefits?** (1) We do not count the following types of income when we determine your cash assistance and basic food benefits:

(a) Bona fide loans as defined in WAC 388-470-0045, except certain student loans as specified under WAC 388-450-0035;

(b) Federal income tax refunds, earned income tax credit (EITC), and Washington's working families tax credit (WFTC) payments in the month received;

(c) Federal economic stimulus payments that are excluded for federal and federally assisted state programs;

(d) Federal $25 supplemental weekly unemployment compensation payments authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

(e) Title IV-E and state foster care maintenance payments if you choose not to include the foster child in your assistance unit (AU);

(f) Educational assistance we do not count under WAC 388-450-0035;

(g) Native American benefits and payments we do not count under WAC 388-450-0040;

(h) Income from employment and training programs we do not count under WAC 388-450-0045;

(i) Money withheld from a benefit to repay an overpayment from the same income source;

(j) One-time payments issued under the Department of State or Department of Justice reception and replacement programs, such as voluntary agency (VOLAG) payments;

(k) Payments we are directly told to exclude as income under state or federal law;

(l) Payments made to someone outside of the household for the benefits of the AU using funds that are not owed to the household;

(m) Distributions for qualified disability expenses from an achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account; and

(n) Medicare advantage supplemental benefits.

(2) For basic food only:

(a) We do not count the total monthly amount of all legally obligated current or back child support payments paid by the AU to someone outside of the AU for:

(i) A person who is not in the AU; or

(ii) A person who is in the AU to cover a period of time when they were not living with the member of the AU responsible for paying the child support on their behalf;

(b) We do count money withheld because you were overpaid for not meeting requirements of a federal, state, or local means tested programs such as temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance, pregnant women assistance (PWA), and supplemental security income (SSI); and

(c) We do not count energy assistance payments:

(i) Provided under federal law such as LIHEAP or HUD payments.

(ii) Provided under state law for households that include an elderly or disabled AU member.

(3) For cash only we do not count:

(a) Income received under RCW 43.03.230, to compensate participation in part-time boards and commissions.

(b) Energy assistance payments.

(c) For TANF and SFA recipients, legally obligated, current child support payments as defined in WAC 388-422-0005.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.300, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.04.515, 74.08.090, 74.08A.010, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.903, 82.08.0206, and H.R.1 (P.L. 119-21). WSR 26-13-005, s 388-450-0015, filed 6/3/26, effective 7/4/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.300, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 82.08.0206, and 43.03.230. WSR 26-01-187, s 388-450-0015, filed 12/23/25, effective 1/23/26. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.300, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and 82.08.0206. WSR 23-06-039, § 388-450-0015, filed 2/23/23, effective 3/26/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and 74.04.300. WSR 17-17-097, § 388-450-0015, filed 8/18/17, effective 9/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, 41.05.021, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15, 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10, and the 2013 biennial budget. WSR 15-02-006, § 388-450-0015, filed 12/26/14, effective 1/26/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-08-002, § 388-450-0015, filed 3/21/12, effective 4/21/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, chapter 74.12 RCW, and The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. WSR 11-21-025, § 388-450-0015, filed 10/11/11, effective 10/29/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. WSR 10-17-103, § 388-450-0015, filed 8/17/10, effective 8/19/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and P.L. 107-171, section 4101. WSR 09-15-085 and 09-16-095, § 388-450-0015, filed 7/14/09 and 8/4/09, effective 11/15/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510 and 74.08.090. WSR 09-09-103, § 388-450-0015, filed 4/20/09, effective 4/21/09; WSR 06-07-078, § 388-450-0015, filed 3/13/06, effective 5/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090 and Public Law 106-419. WSR 05-03-078, § 388-450-0015, filed 1/17/05, effective 2/17/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 02-14-022, § 388-450-0015, filed 6/21/02, effective 6/22/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.530 and 2000 2nd sp.s. c 1 § 210(12). 01-18-006, § 388-450-0015, filed 8/22/01, effective 9/22/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-17-025, § 388-450-0015, filed 8/10/99, effective 10/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-450-0015, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-505-0590.]