

5. Determining Countable Income

Once the 100% of Need test is met, the following steps are taken.

- Step 1: Add together the non-excluded gross earned income of the AG and any disqualified person(s).
- Step 2: Subtract the Earned Income Disregard, i.e., 40% of earnings.
- Step 3: Subtract the Dependent Care Deduction for each person who pays dependent care.

This resulting amount is the Total Countable Earned Income.

- Step 4: Total all child support received by the AG.
- Step 5: Subtract the child support pass-through amount from Step 4, up to \$100 or \$200 for children eligible for TANF.
- Step 6: Add all other non-excluded unearned income of the AG and any disqualified person(s). The resulting amount is the countable unearned income.
- Step 7: Add together the total countable earned income and unearned income. The resulting amount is the total monthly countable income.
- Step 8: Determine the maximum WV WORKS benefit amount for the AG size, using Appendix A.
- Step 9: If the amount arrived at in Step 7 equals or exceeds the amount in Step 8, the AG is ineligible. If the amount arrived at in Step 7 is less than the amount in Step 8, the AG is income eligible and the amount from Step 7 is subtracted from the amount in Step 8.
- Step 10: The result is the WV WORKS benefit amount.