

## Alaska Temporary Assistance (ATAP) Eligibility Calculation and Standards

### Step 1: Gross Income Eligibility Test

The first step, in determining your eligibility for ATAP, is to determine your family's **gross monthly income**. Money counted in this step can be earned income from a job or unearned income such as child support or unemployment. Your monthly income is determined by first calculating the average amount of payments received and then multiplying this average by the number of payments received per month; any money your family receives weekly is multiplied by 4.3, bi-weekly income is multiplied by 2.15, and money received twice a month is multiplied by 2. If the total of all income (earned and unearned) is above the **gross income limit** for your household size and type (Tables 2a to 2d) – your family is not eligible for ATAP. If your total income is equal to or below the gross income limit, the next step is to determine your family's total net countable income (step #2).

### Step 2: Total Net Countable Income Eligibility Test

The following deductions, if applicable, are subtracted from your family's gross income to determine your family's **net countable income**.

- Families who have income from a job are allowed an **earned income deduction**. Families who have just applied for ATAP are allowed a \$90 deduction in the first month. In subsequent months, you are allowed a \$150 deduction from your total earned income plus an additional percentage based on how many months you have worked while receiving ATAP (Table 1). Each adult in the case may have a different earned income deduction that is combined.
- Families with verified child care expenses are allowed a **child care deduction** up to the maximum of \$200 per month for a child under the age of 2 and \$175 per month for a child age 2 or older.
- Families are allowed a **child support deduction** for any child support payments made by a family member.

Table 1: Earned Income Deductions

Number of Months Worked on ATAP	Amount of Deduction from Gross Earned Income
1 to 12 months	\$150 + 33%
13 to 24 months	\$150 + 25%
25 to 36 months	\$150 + 20%
37 to 48 months	\$150 + 15%
49 to 60 months	\$150 + 10%
Over 60 months	\$150 + 0%

Your total net countable income is compared to the **need standard** for your household size and type (Tables 2a to 2d). If your total net countable income is over the need income limit for your household size and type, your family is not eligible for ATAP. If your total net countable income is equal to or below the need standard for your family, the next step is to determine the amount of your family's ATAP benefit (step #3).

### Step 3: Payment Calculation

Your ATAP payment amount depends on the number of people in your family, your total net countable income from step #2, shelter costs, the ratable reduction, and the two-parent seasonal reduction.

- The first step in the payment calculation is to locate your family's **need standard** on Tables 2a to 2d. Your family's need standard may be reduced if anyone in your family is being penalized for not complying with ATAP rules regarding work, self-sufficiency, or child support. The penalty for a family is 40% of the need standard allowed for a household for the first four months and 75% thereafter.
- The next step is to calculate a **shelter allowance adjustment**. If your family's shelter expenses are less than the maximum shelter allowance (30% of the need standard; Tables 2a, 2b, 2d), the difference between the maximum shelter allowance and your actual shelter expenses is subtracted from your family's need standard. No adjustment is needed if your shelter expenses are equal to or more than the maximum shelter allowance. Your family's **need standard** minus any **shelter allowance adjustment** equals your family's **adjusted need**.
- The third step in the payment calculation is to subtract your family's **net countable income** (as calculated in step #2) from your family's **adjusted need** to determine your **family's need** or **monthly benefit amount**. The monthly benefit amount may be **prorated** for a partial month of benefits.
- Finally, your **family's need** is multiplied by (1-**ratable reduction**) to determine the **final payment amount**. If both parents are living in the household and are able to work, the benefit amount is further reduced by half for the months of July, August, and September. This is known as the **two-parent seasonal reduction**.

**Table 2a: ADULT-INCLUDED STANDARDS**

The following standards are used when the assistance unit includes one caretaker relative or two parents, who are both able to perform gainful activity, and any number of dependent children.

		40.76% Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2015			41.68 % Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2016			Does not Change
Assistance Unit Size		Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Maximum Payment
2	3	\$2,612	\$1,389	\$ 416	\$2612	\$1412	\$423	\$ 821
3	4	\$2,941	\$1,564	\$ 469	\$2941	\$1590	\$477	\$ 923
4	5	\$3,268	\$1,738	\$ 521	\$3268	\$1767	\$530	\$1,025
5	6	\$3,598	\$1,913	\$ 573	\$3598	\$1945	\$583	\$1,127
6	7	\$3,925	\$2,087	\$ 626	\$3925	\$2122	\$636	\$ 1229
7	8	\$4,255	\$2,262	\$ 678	\$4255	\$2300	\$690	\$1,331
<b>Each Additional Child:</b>		\$ 329	\$ 175	\$ 52	\$ 329	\$ 178	\$743	\$ 102

**Table 2b: INCAPACITATED ADULT-INCLUDED STANDARDS**

The following standards are used when the assistance unit includes two parents, one of whom is physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity, and any number of dependent children.

		40.76% Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2015			41.68 % Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2016			Does not Change
Assistance Unit Size		Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Maximum Payment
3		\$2,941	\$1,590	\$ 469	\$2941	\$1590	\$477	\$ 923
4		\$3,268	\$1,767	\$ 521	\$3268	\$1767	\$530	\$1,025
5		\$3,598	\$1,945	\$ 573	\$3598	\$1945	\$583	\$1,127
6		\$3,925	\$2,122	\$ 626	\$3925	\$2122	\$636	\$1,229
7		\$4,255	\$2,300	\$ 678	\$4255	\$2300	\$690	\$1,331
8		\$4,584	\$2,478	\$ 731	\$4584	\$2478	\$743	\$1,433
<b>Each Additional Child:</b>		\$ 329	\$ 178	\$ 52	\$329	\$178	\$53	\$ 102

**Table 2c: CHILD-ONLY STANDARDS**

The following standards are used when no caretaker relative is included in the assistance unit.

		40.76% Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2015		41.68 % Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2016		Does not Change
Assistance Unit Size		Gross Standard	Need Standard	Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Payment
1		\$1,433	\$ 776	\$1433	\$776	\$ 452
2		\$1,761	\$ 952	\$1761	\$952	\$ 554
3		\$2,090	\$1,130	\$2090	\$1130	\$ 656
4		\$2,419	\$1,308	\$2419	\$1308	\$ 758
5		\$2,747	\$1,485	\$2747	\$1485	\$ 860
6		\$3,074	\$1,662	\$3074	\$1662	\$ 962
7		\$3,402	\$1,839	\$3402	\$1839	\$1,064
<b>Each Additional Child:</b>		\$ 329	\$ 178	\$329	\$178	\$ 102

**Table 2d: PREGNANT WOMAN STANDARDS**

The following standards are used when the only person in the assistance unit is a pregnant woman.

		40.76% Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2015			41.68 % Ratable Reduction Effective: 1/1/2016			Does not Change
Assistance Unit Size	Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Gross Standard	Need Standard	Maximum Shelter Allowance	Maximum Payment	
1	\$1,633	\$ 883	\$ 264	\$1633	\$ 883	\$ 264	\$ 514	