

# ALASKA ADULT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MANUAL

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### 424 AGE

A person must meet certain age requirements to be eligible for Adult Public Assistance. This chapter explains the age requirements of the APA program.

#### 424-1 QUALIFYING AGE

Blind or disabled individuals must be at least 18 years old to be eligible for APA benefits. APA considers an individual to have reached age 18 on the day before his or her 18th birthday.

Individuals who are not blind or disabled must be at least 65 years old to be eligible for APA benefits. APA considers an individual to have reached age 65 on the day before his or her 65th birthday.

#### 424-2 VERIFICATION OF AGE

##### A. BLIND OR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

The case worker does not need to verify the age of a blind or disabled individual unless there is reason to question the individual's own declaration of age.

##### B. AGED INDIVIDUALS

The case worker must verify the age of all individuals who claim to be at least 65 years old.

##### C. AGE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES

[Section 105-12 of the Administrative Procedures Manual](#) explains DPA age verification procedures in general. An additional acceptable source of age verification for the APA program is the Social Security Administration.

The case worker may accept oral or written confirmation of a client's date of birth from an office of the Social Security Administration if SSA indicates that the client's case file contains documentary proof of age.

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