

07 60 Month Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL) – Overview

Effective October 01, 2002, receipt of Cash Assistance (CA) benefits is limited to budgetary units in which neither the PI nor the spouse of the PI has received 60 countable months of CA. When either the PI or the spouse of the PI has received 60 countable months of CA AND that participant is required to have a Participation Code of IN in the PT field on SEPA, the entire budgetary unit is NOT ELIGIBLE to receive CA.

The 60 month limit on receiving CA benefits is known as the CA Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL). AZTECS calculates the 60 countable months during the LIBL, beginning with the first payment on or after October 01, 2002.

NOTE The 60 countable months are not required to be consecutive.

EXCEPTION

Effective with benefit months beginning October 01, 1996, Tribal CA budgetary units that include an adult may only be eligible to receive Tribal CA benefits for a maximum of 60 months. (See [Tribal CA](#) for a list of tribes that administer their own TANF programs)

The 60 month LIBL for Tribal CA participants starts with the first Tribal CA payment. The LIBL ends after the participant has received 60 months of Tribal CA whether consecutive or not. The 60 month lifetime limit for Tribal CA is based on an adult being a mandatory participant, regardless of whether they receive benefits.

When a Pascua Yaqui TANF budgetary unit qualifies for the Tribe's [Pascua Yaqui TANF hardship exemption](#), they may be eligible for Pascua Yaqui TANF benefits to continue beyond the 60-month lifetime limit.

Inform the PI during each new and renewal interview of the 60 Month LIBL requirements.

Policy and procedures regarding LIBL are outlined as follows:

- [Receipt of 60 Countable Months](#)
- [Expiration of 60 or Extended Months Time Limit](#)
- [Verification of Other State LIBL](#)