

10 36 Month State Benefit Limit (STBL) - Overview

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The 36 month limit on receiving CA benefits is known as the CA State Benefit Limit (STBL). Effective October 01, 2002, receipt of Cash Assistance (CA) benefits is limited to budgetary units in which neither the PI, their spouse, nor another adult in the CA budgetary unit has received 36 countable months of CA for himself or herself, or for a dependent child, in Arizona.

NOTE The 36 countable months are not required to be consecutive.

The budgetary unit may receive additional months of CA when it is eligible for a [CA STBL Hardship Extension](#).

The budgetary unit is NOT eligible to receive more than 36 months of CA when ALL of the following conditions occur:

- The PI, their spouse, or another adult in the budgetary unit has received 36 or more countable months of CA for a budgetary unit
- The PI, their spouse, the dependent child or another adult in the budgetary unit are keyed IN, DI, DF, DP, OU or ST in the CA PT field on SEPA
- The budgetary unit is not eligible for an STBL hardship extension

AZTECS calculates the 36 countable months during the STBL, beginning with the first countable benefit month on or after October 01, 2002.

EXCEPTION

STBL and STBL hardship extensions do not apply to [Tribal TANF](#) Programs and Kinship Foster Care when the child is in the legal custody of [DCYF](#).

Inform the PI during each new and renewal interview of the 36 month STBL requirements and the availability of STBL hardship extensions.

Policy and procedures regarding STBL are outlined as follows:

- [Receipt of 36 Countable Months](#)
- [Not Countable STBL Months](#)
- [STBL Hardship Extension Overview](#)

- [STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility](#)