

.02 Sponsored Noncitizen - Budgeting the Sponsor's Income

When a sponsored noncitizen meets the [40 quarter requirement](#), the noncitizen's sponsor's income and resources are NOT COUNTABLE when determining eligibility for the noncitizen's budgetary unit.

NOTE The quarters may be their own or in combination with a spouse and parent.

A sponsored noncitizen may not have 40 quarters of coverage but has a [military connection](#). When this occurs, the income and resources of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse (when living together) are countable when determining eligibility for the noncitizen's budgetary unit.

NOTE This applies even when the marriage occurs after the Affidavit of Support is signed.

NA EXCEPTION

Special eligibility and budgeting considerations apply when a sponsored noncitizen does not have 40 quarters but does have a military connection and either of the following apply:

- The sponsored noncitizen budgetary unit is [indigent](#).
- The sponsored noncitizen budgetary unit includes a participant who is a [battered](#) sponsored noncitizen.

Determine whether the sponsored noncitizen budgetary unit meets the criteria for either of these situations prior to completing an eligibility determination.

A noncitizen may not have 40 quarters of coverage OR a military connection. When this occurs, the income and resources of the sponsor and the sponsor's spouse (when living together) are COUNTABLE when determining eligibility for the noncitizen's budgetary unit.

This applies even when the marriage occurs after the Affidavit of Support is signed.

NA EXCEPTION

When the noncitizen does not have 40 quarters of coverage or a military connection, they are ineligible for benefits. Key DI in the PT

field on SEPA. When the LPR is currently lawfully residing in the U.S. and is under the age of 18, the sponsor's income is not countable.