

07 Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL) and State Benefit Limit (STBL) - Overview

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Effective July 01, 2010, budget reconciliation legislation was implemented which limits the length of time that an eligible CA budgetary unit may receive CA benefits.

CA Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL):

The 60 month Federal limit on receiving CA benefits is known as the CA Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL). For LIBL, receipt of CA benefits are limited to budgetary units in which the following have not received 60 countable months of CA in any state:

- PI
- [Spouse\(g\)](#) of the PI
- Another adult

CA State Benefit Limit (STBL):

The 12 month State limit for receiving CA benefits is known as the CA State Benefit Limit (STBL). For STBL, effective June 30, 2016, receipt of CA benefits is limited to budgetary units in which the following have not received 12 countable months in Arizona since October 01, 2002:

- PI
- [Spouse\(g\)](#) of the PI
- Any adult in the CA budgetary unit who has received benefits for himself, or herself, or for a dependent child

NOTE The countable months are not required to be consecutive.

For LIBL, the budgetary unit is NOT eligible to receive more than 60 months of CA when ALL of the following conditions occur:

- The PI, their spouse, or another adult in the budgetary unit has received 60 countable months of CA for a budgetary unit
- The PI, their spouse, or another adult in the budgetary unit are keyed IN in the CA PT field on SEPA

For STBL the budgetary unit is NOT eligible to receive more than 12 months of CA when ALL of the following conditions occur:

- The PI, their spouse, or another adult in the budgetary unit has received 12 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

EXCEPTION

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

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

NOTE See the individual [Tribal TANF](#) programs for LIBL information.

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

EXCEPTION

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

Policy and procedures regarding LIBL/STBL are outlined as follows:

- [Receipt of Countable Months During the LIBL/STBL](#)
- [Not Countable LIBL/STBL Months](#)
- [LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension - Overview](#)
- [LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension Eligibility - Overview](#)
- [LIBL/STBL Hardship Extension Verification - Overview](#)
- [LIBL Hardship Extension Keying Procedures](#)
- [STBL Hardship Extension Keying Procedures](#)