

## 06 CA Needy Family Test

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The CA Needy Family Test is used to determine whether the dependent child resides in a needy family. The test is based on the earned and unearned income of the [family\(g\)](#) of the [caretaker relative\(g\)](#). All members of the caretaker relative's family must be registered to the AZTECS case so that AZTECS can perform the CA Needy Family Test.

### EXCEPTION

The CA Needy Family Test does not apply to the following:

- Kinship Foster Care when the child is in the legal custody of the [Department of Child Safety \(DCS\)](#).
- The following Tribal TANF programs:
  - [Hopi Tribal TANF](#)
  - [Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance](#)
  - [Pascua Yaqui Tribal TANF](#)
  - [Salt River Tribal TANF](#)
  - [White Mountain Apache Tribal TANF](#)

The family size of the caretaker relative is used for the CA Needy Family Test; however, the budgetary unit size is used to determine the CA grant amount. See the following examples to assist in understanding the difference between family sizes and budgetary unit sizes:

- [CA Needy Family Example 1](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 2](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 3](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 4](#)
- [CA Needy Family Example 5](#)

When the adult caretaker is a non-parent specified relative of the dependent child and they are applying for the child only, then the family's combined income cannot exceed [130% of the current Federal Poverty Level](#).

When the caretaker relative is a parent of the dependent child or the non-parent specified relative is applying for themselves and the child, then the family's combined income cannot exceed [100% of the current Federal Poverty Level](#).