

## M Time Limit - WMAT

[REVISION 08](#)  
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White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) TANF Program participants are eligible to receive TANF benefits for a maximum of 60 months.

All months, when a full month of TANF benefits are paid, count against the 60-month Lifetime Benefit Limit (LIBL). Any countable months a PI or spouse of the PI in a WMAT-TANF budgetary unit accumulates while residing outside the WMAT-TANF service delivery area also count toward the 60 month LIBL.

A month is exempt from the WMAT-TANF Program LIBL when the unemployment rate on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation exceeds 50%.

In cases of hardship, adult participants may receive exemptions from the 60-month LIBL. When a claim of hardship is received by WMAT-TANF Program staff the following occurs:

- WMAT-TANF staff complete both of the following:  
Determine the hardship exemption.  
Inform FAA staff when a month is exempt due to a hardship exemption.

NOTE WMAT-TANF staff complete the [Tribal – Turn Around Document](#) (TAD) (FAA-1125A) to communicate with FAA staff.

- FAA staff complete both of the following when they receive notice of a hardship exemption from the WMAT-TANF staff:  
Contact the [FAA Systems Help Desk](#) to correct the LIBL counter.  
Document CADO with the exempt month and reason for the exemption.