

P Fair Hearings - WMAT

REVISION 08
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Any White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) TANF participant has the right to appeal any decision that negatively impacts their case. Follow CA procedures for [appeal reasons](#), and [appeal benefit levels](#). For time limits on requesting appeals, see [Appeal Request Time Limits](#).

The WMAT-TANF appeal process is outlined as follows:

- Schedule an [agency conference](#) with the participant when the participant does not agree with a decision made by FAA, [Jobs](#), or [OSI](#). Request a representative from Jobs, or OSI attend the agency conference, when the appeal is based on their decision of noncompliance or investigation.

The agency conference must be held within three [workdays\(g\)](#) of the appeal request.

- The participant may still disagree with the agency's decision after the agency conference. The participant can request an appeal through the Tribal Appeal Process.

Provide all [case files\(g\)](#) on the WMAT-TANF case to the Tribal Welfare Reform Coordinator within ten workdays of the date of the second appeal request.

The Tribal Welfare Reform Coordinator completes one of the following:

- Renders a decision on the appeal.
- Schedules a hearing with the Tribal CA Appeals committee.
- The Tribal CA Appeals committee reviews the case, conducts a hearing, and returns a decision. The decision is binding on all parties.

The participant may not agree with the decision of the Tribal CA Appeals committee. In this situation, the participant can file an appeal through the Tribal Court System. The participant initiates this process by contacting the Tribal CA Appeals committee.