

## What this means for your grant

### Figuring the TANF/TAONF Grant

1. Figure your monthly wages before taxes (hourly wages x hours/week x 4 = monthly).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. TANF/TAONF will not count 20% of your earnings.

(Your monthly wage x .20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Subtract \$200.

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Subtract 36% of income after first 2 deductions have been made. (Total from #3 x .36 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Look up your family size in the chart. Enter the TANF/TAONF Standard of Assistance for your family size.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Subtract the total from #4.

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This is your monthly TANF/TAONF grant.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

## What to do if you think you are exempt:

### You can request a hearing:

If you believe that you meet any or these exemptions, request a fair hearing within 90 days of the mailing date on your notice. To keep getting your same grant amount while waiting for your hearing, you will need to request the hearing within 10 calendar days of the mailing date on the notice. If you lose or withdraw from your hearing, you will have to pay back the benefits you continued to receive.

### To request a hearing:

Ask your welfare worker for a hearing request form, fill it out, make a copy for you to keep. You can either file the request in person or mail it "certified mail, return receipt requested." If you file in person, get your copy date-stamped. Contact Legal Aid for help.

### For More Information please call the nearest Legal Aid Office In Your Community:

**O'AHU**  
536-4302

**KAUAI**  
245-7580

**BIG ISLAND**  
Hilo 934-0678  
Kona 329-8331

**LANAI**  
565-6089

**MAUI**  
242-0724

**MOLOKAI**  
553-3251

Please also visit us on our website at:  
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### Department of Human Services

See the State Government section in your phone book for the office nearest you.



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# WORKING & TANF/TAONF



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## Are you planning to work to make up the 20% TANF/TAONF Cut?

TANF/TAONF monthly benefits for families with able-bodied adults are cut 20% after two months of full benefits.

Only first time TANF/TAONF recipients get two full months of benefits. If you previously received TANF/TAONF benefits and reapply, you do not get two full months of benefits before the 20% reduction.

Many people whose grants are cut make up the difference by working part-time or full-time. The TANF/TAONF rules allow you to work and keep getting some financial assistance. This pamphlet is to help you understand how your earnings will affect your grant.

The amount of your TANF/TAONF grant will depend on the amount you earn and the number of people in your family.

This pamphlet contains two examples and a place for you to do the calculation using your own figures.

Family Size	TANF/TAONF Standard of Assistance (For Households NOT Exempt from the Work Requirement)
1	\$360
2	\$485
3	\$610
4	\$735
5	\$860

## How it works: An Example

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1. If Carolyn works 20 hours a week at \$5.25/hour she makes \$105 a week or \$420 a month.	\$420
2. TANF/TAONF will not count 20% of her earnings. (\$420 x .20 = \$84)	- 84 \$336
3. TANF/TAONF will not count \$200 of her earnings each month.	- 200 \$136
4. TANF/TAONF will not count 36% of income after first 2 deductions have been made (\$136 x .36 = \$48.96)	- 49 \$87
5. If Carolyn has two children, her family size is 3. From the chart, we see her grant is \$610. TANF/TAONF will count \$87 of her earnings against her grant. That means her TANF/TAONF will be \$523 each month.	\$610 - 87 \$523

## Things to watch for

### Turn in your reporting forms.

If you are late, you will lose your work deductions included in steps 1 to 5. Without the deductions you will get less TANF/TAONF, maybe none at all.

### Ceiling on earnings.

There is a limit on how much you can earn and still get TANF/TAONF. The ceiling is 185% of the Standard of Need for a family the same size as your family. For example, 185% of the Standard of Need for a household of two is \$2340. If you make more than \$2340 and are in a household of two, you will not get TANF/TAONF.

### Exemptions: The 20% cut does not apply to everyone.

- You may be exempt if you are in one of the following categories:
- Ill, incapacitated, or disabled.
- 60 years old or older.
- You are caring for a child under 6 months.
- You are caring for an ill or incapacitated or disabled family member.
- Your household is a "child only" household (there is no caretaker, only the child gets benefits).
- You are a full-time VISTA volunteer.
- You are a teen parent (18 or younger) living on your own.
- You are caring for a pre-school aged child, and DHS does not provide child care.