

Overview

The income section of the Online Application is critical for correct eligibility determinations for households applying for Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC). The recent CalHEERS system upgrades have been made to help enrollers understand what incomes we accept by creating income groups and enhance the user experience to ensure certified enrollers are capturing income correctly for consumers.

Open Enrollment, New Applications

Include current year income for new applicants.

When new consumers enroll for the new benefit year, ask for their full **annual income** for the current year.

- If the current year income is not entered, and the income shows as the first date paid as the first of the year of the new benefit year, the income will appear as \$0 for the current coverage year.
- Medi-Cal reviews income on **the date the application is entered into CalHEERs**. It is **NOT** based on the projected income for the new plan year.
- A Medi-Cal determination will delay a consumer's Covered California start date.

Income Overview

The *Income Overview* page has been upgraded with a new look and feel. There is also a **Click Here** link in the text of the page to learn more about the income section of the application.

• Select the **Begin Section** button to begin the income section



Enter Income Section

The *Estimate [Year] Household Income* page will now show a pre-populated list of the household members previously entered in the *Household* section of the application.

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| Income Information Next, we're going to estimate your current and projected household income for 2022. | |
| e Houzehold Menu | |
| Important: Do not enser COVID-19 economic impact stimulus payments. These payments do not court as in | income. |
| We'll walk through 5 income groups and tax deductions for everyone in your household. Your you as you go, and you can always exit the application and finish later. Click here to learn more | progress is saved for about income. |
| These items may be helpful: | |
| Most recent tax forms | |
| | Begin Section |

- Ask the consumer if they have income to report.
 - o If no, select the **No Income to Report** button to proceed past the income section.
 - If yes, select the +Add button next to the household members name who earns that income



Note: Income pages do not display if there is only one household member on the application and consumer identifies as a Former Foster Youth on the Demographics page or the consumer is not applying for subsidized health coverage.



Income Group Page (1-6)

After selecting the **+Add** button, the new income section will guide you through the 6 different groupings of income that Covered California accepts for APTC and eligibility determinations. The six groups are:

Employment & Self-Employment Income



Government & Assistance Income



• Investment & Interest Income



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Retirement Income



• Education, Scholarships, Awards & Grants



• All Other Taxable Income





Add Employment Income Pages

After selecting the **+Add** button on the *Employment and Self Employment* page, the *Add Income* page will display.

The new format for entering income information incorporates a smart form with logic built in. As you answer questions regarding consumer income, additional questions will load to get the specific information needed to determine eligibility.

- Complete the questions on the page for each consumers' unique income situation (ex. Employer Name, Gross Income Amount, Frequency, etc.)
- Click the **Save** button when complete.

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| Monty's Income |
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| Employment Income Tips, wages, pay, salary, bonuses |
| What is the name of this employer? |
| Employer |
| Income amount (before taxes) Click here if this income changes often s 1,500 monthly How often does Monty get this income? annually nonthly weekly twice-a-month every two weekls daily hourly |
| Did Monty first get paid from this job before January 1, 2019? Yes No |
| Cancel |

Tax Deductions Page

After entering income information, Certified Enrollers will advance to the new deductions section of the application. The application is very specific in listing the different types of income tax deductions we require in order to provide an eligibility determination.

| We'll give you a list of common deductions on the next page. Add all claim for each one. If you don't see a deduction listed, add it under | all that apply and estimate how much Monty will r "Other Deduction". |
|---|---|
| If Monty won't claim deductions on their taxes, you can leave this gr | group blank. |

- Certified Enroller selects **Continue** button on the *Tax Deductions Introduction* page
- Select +Add button next to the tax deduction the consumer wishes to report.
- When you are finished, select the **Save** button to continue to the *Income Review* pages of the online application.



| Monty's Deductions | |
|--|---------------|
| Tax Deductions Many deductions are rare, so if you're not familiar with a deduction it probably doesn't a | ipply to you. |
| Student Loan Interest Paid 🕕 | (+ Add |
| Alimony Paid 🕦 | (+ Add) |
| Business Expenses () | (+ Add |
| Health Savings Account Contributions 💿 | (+ Add |



Review Income

After saving the consumer's income and deduction entries, Certified Enrollers are able to review all income and deduction types at the household member level.

- Ensure that the employer name and income amount for the year is accurate for each entry.
- If the combined annual income for the household member appears incorrect, there is an option to make a manual adjustment to the reported income.
 - Select the **Click here if this looks wrong** link to modify either the monthly amount or the Projected Annual Income (PAI) amount.
- Once the information reflects the consumer's accurate income situation, select the **Done adding income [Household Member]** button.

| ED IIA | | Need Help? |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Review Monty M.'s Income | | |
| Monty M. 33 yrs | | |
| Income | | (+ Add |
| Employer 01/01/2019 - Current | \$1,500.00 / month | Edit |
| Deductions | | (+ Add) |
| Deductionn exercate-talavate | -\$100.00 / month | Edit |
| Monty's Total Income | | |
| Current Monthly Income <u>Click here if this looks wrong</u> | \$1,500. | 00 / month |
| Calculated Annual Income <u>Click here if this looks wrong</u> | \$18,00 | 0.00 / year |
| Back | Done with | Monty |

After all income has been entered into the online application and saved for each household member, you are navigated back to the *Estimate [Year] Household Income* page. It will display the annual income amount entered for each member in the household and then a projected household income amount for the year, combining the total household income for the benefit year.





Employer Contact Information

After completing the income section of the online application and submitting the signature page, certified enrollers are advanced to the *Household Eligibility Results Summary* page.



- Review the information on the results page so that the consumer understands their eligibility, any documents that need to be verified and what programs they qualify for.
- After you are finished, click the **Choose Plan** button.



• The *Employer Contact Information* page, a new mandatory section of the application, captures the consumer's Employer Contact information.



Note: Information is gathered to comply with Federal and State Laws that require Covered California to notify employers if one of their employees applies for coverage and is eligible for Financial Assistance.

• A separate section will display for each household member with current employment.

| Employer mailing address line 1: | |
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| 123 Home Run Lane | |
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| Employer mailing address line 2: Optional | |
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| City: | |
| San Francisco | |
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Multiple employers may also be displayed if the consumer has multiple employers

• Once you have filled out this information, you can select the **Done** button to select a plan, or you may select the **Account Home** button to resume entering the information later.