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CalWORKs Changes to Assets and Vehicle Value Limits Starting June 1, 2020

[Starting June 1, 2020](#) the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) resource limits have been changed. These changes were a result of [Senate Bill 80 \(Chapter 27 of Statutes of 2019\) which amended Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 11155 and 11257](#). Effective [June 1, 2020](#) the asset test will now be \$10,000 and non-exempt vehicles with an equity value of \$25,000 or less will not be attributed to a family's CalWORKs resource limits. These changes were made to encourage healthy financial decision making and give recipients an opportunity to increase savings.

Changes in Your Families CalWORKs Asset Limit

- The maximum asset limit for CalWORKs households will be increased from \$2,250 to \$10,000.
- For CalWORKs AUs that include at least one member who is aged 60 or older or disabled, from \$3,500 to \$15,000.

Changes In a Family's Non-Exempt Vehicle Equity Value

- Non-exempt vehicles with an equity value of \$25,000 or less will not be attributed to the AU's resource limits. For each motor vehicle with an equity value of more than \$25,000, the equity value in excess of \$25,000 shall be counted toward the AU's resources.

Clarifying that Resources Not Available to People Fleeing Abuse Not Counted

- Clarified that resources in shared accounts should not be considered in the case of an applicant or recipient fleeing abuse.

Changes Effective January 21, 2021

- Effective January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the resources thresholds will increase by an amount equal to the increase in the California Necessities Index for the most recent fiscal year. Commencing January 1, 2021, or the date automation is complete in the SAWS, whichever is later, the \$25,000 equity threshold for vehicles will be adjusted upward annually by the increase, if any, in the United States Transportation Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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