

Assessment From Adjusted Available Income (AAI)	
If AAI is—	Then the assessment is—
Less than -\$3,409 ....	-\$750
-\$3,409 to \$9,400 .....	22% of AAI
\$9,401 to \$11,800 .....	\$2,068 + 25% of AAI over \$9,400
\$11,801 to \$14,200 .....	\$2,668 + 29% of AAI over \$11,800
\$14,201 to \$16,600 .....	\$3,364 + 34% of AAI over \$14,200
\$16,601 to \$19,000 .....	\$4,180 + 40% of AAI over \$16,600
\$19,001 or more .....	\$5,140 + 47% of AAI over \$19,000

“Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm—Continued	
If the net worth of a business or farm is—	Then the adjusted net worth is:
\$65,001-\$195,000 .....	\$26,000 plus 50 percent of NW over \$65,000
\$195,001-\$325,000 .....	\$91,000 plus 60 percent of NW over \$195,000
\$325,001 or more .....	\$169,000 plus 100 percent of NW over \$325,000”.

**(e) Computations in case of separation, divorce, or death**

In the case of a student who is divorced or separated, or whose spouse has died, the spouse’s income and assets shall not be considered in determining the family’s available income or assets.

(Pub. L. 89-329, title IV, §477, as added Pub. L. 99-498, title IV, §406(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1465; amended Pub. L. 100-50, §14(1)-(6), (8), (18), (19), June 3, 1987, 101 Stat. 349-351; Pub. L. 102-325, title IV, §471(a), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 597; Pub. L. 103-208, §2(g)(2), (7), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2472; Pub. L. 105-78, title VI, §609(i), Nov. 13, 1997, 111 Stat. 1524; Pub. L. 105-244, title IV, §475, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1730; Pub. L. 109-171, title VIII, §8017(c)(1), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 173; Pub. L. 110-84, title VI, §601(c), Sept. 27, 2007, 121 Stat. 802; Pub. L. 111-39, title IV, §406(a)(3), July 1, 2009, 123 Stat. 1948.)

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (b)(5)(B). Pub. L. 111-39 made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 2 of title 26.

2007—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 110-84 amended par. (4) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (4) consisted of a single table to be used to determine income protection allowances.

2006—Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 109-171 substituted “7” for “12”.

1998—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 105-244 added par. (4).

1997—Subsec. (b)(1)(F). Pub. L. 105-78 added subpar. (F).

1993—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 103-208, §2(g)(2), substituted “\$9,510” for “9,510” in table.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-208, §2(g)(7), added subsec. (e).

1992—Pub. L. 102-325 amended section generally, substituting provisions relating to family contribution for independent students with dependents other than a spouse for provisions relating to family contribution for independent students with dependents (including a spouse).

1987—Subsec. (a)(1)(C). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(18), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(1), substituted “section 1087rr of this title” for “section 1087ss of this title”.

Subsec. (b)(5)(A). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(19), substituted “\$2,100” for “\$2,000”.

Subsec. (b)(7). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(2), struck out “National” before “Center”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(3), substituted “displaced homemaker” for “dislocated homemaker”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(1), (4), substituted “section 1087rr of this title” for “section 1087ss of this title” in text, added table, and struck out former table which read as follows:

“Adjusted Net Worth of a Business or Farm	
If the net worth of a business or farm is—	Then the adjusted net worth is:
Less than \$1 .....	\$0
\$1-\$65,000 .....	40 percent of NW

Subsec. (c)(4)(B). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(5), substituted “\$15,999” for “\$15,000”.

Subsec. (c)(4)(C). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(6), substituted “\$16,000” for “\$15,000” in three places.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-50, §14(1), (8), substituted “section 1087rr of this title” for “section 1087ss of this title” in text and inserted a minus sign before “\$3,409” in two places in table.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-39 effective as if enacted on the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-315 (Aug. 14, 2008), see section 3 of Pub. L. 111-39, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-84 effective July 1, 2009, see section 601(e) of Pub. L. 110-84, set out as a note under section 1087oo of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-171 effective July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided, see section 8001(c) of Pub. L. 109-171, set out as a note under section 1002 of this title.

Pub. L. 109-171, title VIII, §8017(c)(2), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 173, provided that: “The amendment made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to determinations of need for periods of enrollment beginning on or after July 1, 2007.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244, effective Oct. 7, 1998, and applicable with respect to determinations of need under this part for academic years beginning on or after July 1, 2000, see section 480A of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1087kk of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-208 effective as if included in the Higher Education Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-325, except as otherwise provided, see section 5(a) of Pub. L. 103-208, set out as a note under section 1051 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-325 applicable with respect to determinations of need under this part for award years beginning on or after July 1, 1993, see section 471(b) of Pub. L. 102-325, set out as a note under section 1087kk of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-50 effective as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. 99-498, see section 27 of Pub. L. 100-50, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

**§ 1087rr. Regulations; updated tables**

**(a) Authority to prescribe regulations restricted**

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall not have the authority to prescribe regulations to carry out this part except—

(A) to prescribe updated tables in accordance with subsections (b) through (h) of this section; or

(B) to propose modifications in the need analysis methodology required by this part.

(2) Any regulation proposed by the Secretary that (A) updates tables in a manner that does not comply with subsections (b) through (h) of this section, or (B) that proposes modifications under paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, shall not be effective unless approved by joint resolution of the Congress by May 1 following the date such regulations are published in the Federal Register in accordance with section 1089 of this title. If the Congress fails to approve such regulations by such May 1, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register in accordance with section 1089 of this title updated tables for the applicable award year that are prescribed in accordance with subsections (b) through (h) of this section.

**(b) Income protection allowance**

**(1) Revised tables**

**(A) In general**

For each academic year after academic year 2008–2009, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of income protection allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(c)(4) and 1087qq(b)(4) of this title, subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C).

**(B) Table for independent students**

**(i) Academic years 2009–2010 through 2012–2013**

For each of the academic years 2009–2010 through 2012–2013, the Secretary shall not develop a revised table of income protection allowances under section 1087qq(b)(4) of this title and the table specified for such academic year under subparagraphs (A) through (D) of such section shall apply.

**(ii) Other academic years**

For each academic year after academic year 2012–2013, the Secretary shall develop the revised table of income protection allowances by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in the table of income protection allowances under section 1087qq(b)(4)(D) of this title by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 2011 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.

**(C) Table for parents**

For each academic year after academic year 2008–2009, the Secretary shall develop the revised table of income protection allowances under section 1087oo(c)(4) of this title by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in the table by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 1992 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.

**(2) Revised amounts**

For each academic year after academic year 2007–2008, the Secretary shall publish in the

Federal Register revised income protection allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(g)(2)(D) and 1087pp(b)(1)(A)(iv) of this title. Such revised allowances shall be developed for each academic year after academic year 2012–2013, by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in such section for academic year 2012–2013 by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 2011 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.

**(c) Adjusted net worth of a farm or business**

For each award year after award year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of adjusted net worth of a farm or business for purposes of sections 1087oo(d)(2)(C), 1087pp(c)(2)(C), and 1087qq(c)(2)(C) of this title. Such revised table shall be developed—

(1) by increasing each dollar amount that refers to net worth of a farm or business by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 1992 and the December next preceding the beginning of such award year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$5,000; and

(2) by adjusting the dollar amounts “\$30,000”, “\$105,000”, and “\$195,000” to reflect the changes made pursuant to paragraph (1).

**(d) Education savings and asset protection allowance**

For each award year after award year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(d)(3), 1087pp(c)(3), and 1087qq(c)(3) of this title. Such revised table shall be developed by determining the present value cost, rounded to the nearest \$100, of an annuity that would provide, for each age cohort of 40 and above, a supplemental income at age 65 (adjusted for inflation) equal to the difference between the moderate family income (as most recently determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics), and the current average social security retirement benefits. For each age cohort below 40, the allowance shall be computed by decreasing the allowance for age 40, as updated, by one-fifteenth for each year of age below age 40 and rounding the result to the nearest \$100. In making such determinations—

(1) inflation shall be presumed to be 6 percent per year;

(2) the rate of return of an annuity shall be presumed to be 8 percent; and

(3) the sales commission on an annuity shall be presumed to be 6 percent.

**(e) Assessment schedules and rates**

For each award year after award year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of assessments from adjusted available income for the purpose of sections 1087oo(e) and 1087qq(d) of this title. Such revised table shall be developed—

(1) by increasing each dollar amount that refers to adjusted available income by a percent-

age equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 1992 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, rounded to the nearest \$100; and

(2) by adjusting the other dollar amounts to reflect the changes made pursuant to paragraph (1).

**(f) “Consumer Price Index” defined**

As used in this section, the term “Consumer Price Index” means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Department of Labor. Each annual update of tables to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index shall be corrected for misestimation of actual changes in such Index in previous years.

**(g) State and other tax allowance**

For each award year after award year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of State and other tax allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(c)(2), 1087oo(g)(3), 1087pp(b)(2), and 1087qq(b)(2) of this title. The Secretary shall develop such revised table after review of the Department of the Treasury’s Statistics of Income file and determination of the percentage of income that each State’s taxes represent.

**(h) Employment expense allowance**

For each award year after award year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of employment expense allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(c)(5), 1087pp(b)(4), and 1087qq(b)(5) of this title. Such revised table shall be developed by increasing the dollar amount specified in sections 1087oo(c)(5)(A), 1087oo(c)(5)(B), 1087pp(b)(4)(A), 1087qq(b)(5)(A), and 1087qq(b)(5)(B) of this title to reflect increases in the amount and percent of the Bureau of Labor Statistics budget of the marginal costs for food away from home, apparel, transportation, and household furnishings and operations for a two-worker versus one-worker family.

(Pub. L. 89–329, title IV, § 478, as added Pub. L. 99–498, title IV, § 406(a), Oct. 17, 1986, 100 Stat. 1470; amended Pub. L. 100–50, § 14(20)–(22), June 3, 1987, 101 Stat. 351, 352; Pub. L. 102–325, title IV, § 471(a), July 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 602; Pub. L. 103–208, § 2(g)(8), (9), Dec. 20, 1993, 107 Stat. 2472; Pub. L. 105–244, title IV, § 476, Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1730; Pub. L. 109–171, title VIII, § 8017(d), (e), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 173, 174; Pub. L. 110–84, title VI, § 601(d), Sept. 27, 2007, 121 Stat. 803.)

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 110–84, § 601(d)(1), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1). Prior to amendment, par. (1) required the Secretary to publish in the Federal Register, for each academic year after academic year 1993–1994, a revised table of income protection allowances for the purpose of sections 1087oo(c)(4) and 1087qq(b)(4) of this title.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110–84, § 601(d)(2), substituted “shall be developed for each academic year after academic year 2012–2013, by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in such section for academic year 2012–2013 by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 2011 and

the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.” for “shall be developed by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in such section by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 2006 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”

2006—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109–171, § 8017(d)(1), inserted at end “For the 2007–2008 academic year, the Secretary shall revise the tables in accordance with this paragraph, except that the Secretary shall increase the amounts contained in the table in section 1087qq(b)(4) of this title by a percentage equal to the greater of the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined under the preceding sentence) or 5 percent.”

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109–171, § 8017(d)(2), substituted “2007–2008” for “2000–2001” and “2006” for “1999”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 109–171, § 8017(e), struck out “1087pp(b)(4)(B),” after “1087pp(b)(4)(A),” and substituted “food away from home, apparel, transportation, and household furnishings and operations” for “meals away from home, apparel and upkeep, transportation, and housekeeping services”.

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–244 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

1993—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103–208, § 2(g)(8)(A), substituted “1993–1994” for “1992–1993”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103–208, § 2(g)(8), substituted “1993–1994” for “1992–1993” in introductory provisions and inserted “December” before “1992” in par. (1).

Subsecs. (d), (e), (g). Pub. L. 103–208, § 2(g)(8)(A), substituted “1993–1994” for “1992–1993”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 103–208, § 2(g)(8)(A), (9), substituted “1993–1994” for “1992–1993” and “Bureau of Labor Statistics” for “Bureau of Labor Standards”.

1992—Pub. L. 102–325 amended section generally, revising and restating as subsecs. (a) to (h) provisions formerly contained in subsecs. (a) to (f).

1987—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 100–50, § 14(21), substituted “\$24,000”, “\$84,000”, and “\$156,000” for “\$26,000”, “\$91,000”, and “\$169,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100–50, § 14(20), inserted “, rounded to the nearest \$100,” after “present value cost” and “of 40 and above” after “each age cohort” in second sentence and, after second sentence, inserted “For each age cohort below 40, the asset protection allowance shall be computed by decreasing the asset protection allowance for age 40, as updated, by one-fifteenth for each year of age below age 40 and rounding the result to the nearest \$100.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100–50, § 14(22), substituted “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers” for “Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–84 effective July 1, 2009, see section 601(e) of Pub. L. 110–84, set out as a note under section 1087oo of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109–171 effective July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided, see section 8001(c) of Pub. L. 109–171, set out as a note under section 1002 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105–244 effective Oct. 7, 1998, see section 480A of Pub. L. 105–244, set out as a note under section 1087kk of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103–208 effective as if included in the Higher Education Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102–325, except as otherwise provided, see section 5(a) of

Pub. L. 103-208, set out as a note under section 1051 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-325 applicable with respect to determinations of need under this part for award years beginning on or after July 1, 1993, see section 471(b) of Pub. L. 102-325, set out as a note under section 1087kk of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-50 effective as if enacted as part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1986, Pub. L. 99-498, see section 27 of Pub. L. 100-50, set out as a note under section 1001 of this title.

**§ 1087ss. Simplified needs test**

**(a) Simplified application section**

**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall develop and use an easily identifiable simplified application section as part of the common financial reporting form prescribed under section 1090(a) of this title for families described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

**(2) Reduced data requirements**

The simplified application form shall—

(A) in the case of a family meeting the requirements of subsection (b)(1), permit such family to submit only the data elements required under subsection (b)(2) for the purposes of establishing eligibility for student financial aid under this part; and

(B) in the case of a family meeting the requirements of subsection (c), permit such family to be treated as having an expected family contribution equal to zero for purposes of establishing such eligibility and to submit only the data elements required to make a determination under subsection (c).

**(b) Simplified needs test**

**(1) Eligibility**

An applicant is eligible to file a simplified form containing the elements required by paragraph (2) if—

(A) in the case of an applicant who is a dependent student—

(i) the student's parents—

(I) file, or are eligible to file, a form described in paragraph (3);

(II) certify that the parents are not required to file a Federal income tax return;

(III) include at least one parent who is a dislocated worker; or

(IV) received, or the student received, benefits at some time during the previous 24-month period under a means-tested Federal benefit program as defined under subsection (d); and

(ii) the total adjusted gross income of the parents (excluding any income of the dependent student) is less than \$50,000; or

(B) in the case of an applicant who is an independent student—

(i) the student (and the student's spouse, if any)—

(I) files, or is eligible to file, a form described in paragraph (3);

(II) certifies that the student (and the student's spouse, if any) is not required to file a Federal income tax return;

(III) is a dislocated worker or has a spouse who is a dislocated worker; or

(IV) received benefits at some time during the previous 24-month period under a means-tested Federal benefit program as defined under subsection (d); and

(ii) the adjusted gross income of the student (and the student's spouse, if any) is less than \$50,000.

**(2) Simplified test elements**

The six elements to be used for the simplified needs analysis are—

(A) adjusted gross income,

(B) Federal taxes paid,

(C) untaxed income and benefits,

(D) the number of family members,

(E) the number of family members in post-secondary education, and

(F) an allowance (A) for State and other taxes, as defined in section 1087oo(c)(2) of this title for dependent students and in section 1087qq(b)(2) of this title for independent students with dependents other than a spouse, or (B) for State and other income taxes, as defined in section 1087pp(b)(2) of this title for independent students without dependents other than a spouse.

**(3) Qualifying forms**

In the case of an independent student, the student, or in the case of a dependent student, the family, files a form described in this subsection, or subsection (c), as the case may be, if the student or family, as appropriate, files—

(A) a form 1040A or 1040EZ (including any prepared or electronic version of such form) required pursuant to title 26;

(B) a form 1040 (including any prepared or electronic version of such form) required pursuant to title 26, except that such form shall be considered a qualifying form only if the student or family files such form in order to take a tax credit under section 25A of title 26, and would otherwise be eligible to file a form described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) an income tax return (including any prepared or electronic version of such return) required pursuant to the tax code of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau.

**(c) Zero expected family contribution**

The Secretary shall consider an applicant to have an expected family contribution equal to zero if—

(1) in the case of a dependent student—

(A) the student's parents—

(i) file, or are eligible to file, a form described in subsection (b)(3);

(ii) certify that the parents are not required to file a Federal income tax return;

(iii) include at least one parent who is a dislocated worker; or

(iv) received, or the student received, benefits at some time during the previous