



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72-22

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER-RULES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, Chapter I of Title LXIII of the Government Code of Guam, established the office of the Public Defender of Guam, within the Government of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Section further provides that the Public Defender shall defend indigent defendants in criminal cases and shall also render legal assistance and counseling in civil matters to those who are unable to afford a private attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Public Defender of Guam has made and recommended the following rules and regulations to me for approval after compliance with the provisions of Chapter III of Title XXV of the Government Code of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Governor shall by Executive Order promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the said Chapter I, Title LXIII; and

WHEREAS, I have approved the following rules and regulations made by and recommended to me by the Public Defender of Guam after compliance with the provisions of Chapter III, of Title XXV of the Government Code of Guam; and

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 58004, Government Code of Guam, and the Organic Act of Guam the following rules and regulations are hereby approved and promulgated:

COVERAGE AND CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

A. GENERAL

1. Legal assistance will be available to the following

individuals as "Categorically Needy" with legal care and services available in the same amount, duration and scope for:

- a. All individuals receiving aid or assistance under Guam's approved plan under all titles of the Social Security Act.
- b. All children under 21 who meet the conditions of eligibility in the Guam Plan for AFDC under Title IV other than with respect to age and school attendance.
- c. All persons within the Territory of Guam who would be eligible for aid or assistance under one of the other state plans.
- d. Certain ineligible persons shall be considered for legal assistance if they are faced with unusual hardship due to indebtedness, extended illness, or recent unemployment.
- 2. Legal assistance will be available to:
 - a. The "Legally Needy", i. e., individuals whose income resources equal or exceed those levels for maintenance established under the plan, but are insufficient to meet their costs of legal care and services not encompassed within the state plan for legal assistance, plus their costs of legal services included in the state plan-except that only chose are covered who except for income and resources would be eligible for aid and assistance under Guam's approved plans for OAA, AB, APTD, or AFDC.
 - b. All children under 21 who are "Legally Needy" and meet conditions of eligibility in the Guam Plan for AEDC except for age and school attendance.

c. All children under the age of 21 who are in publicsupported foster care in families or institutions.

B. FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

- 1. A person may be eligible for legal assistance when, together with spouse, all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. He does not own real property or equity exceeding a market value of \$3,500 in addition to his home or residence.
 - b. He does not have cash or bank account or loan value on insurance exceeding \$300.00 for each member of the family or \$1,000.00 whichever is the lesser amount.
 - c. The market value of disposable personal property does not exceed \$1,500 for a single person, \$2000 for a family of two, plus \$150 for each additional dependent.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

INCOME

Single	Арр	olic	ar	ıt	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•		\$1,500
Family	of	2	•	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	٠	2,500
Family	of	3	•	•	•	٠	•	•		•	٠		•	•		•	•				•		•	٠	2,800
Family	of	4	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	-	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	3,000
Family	of	5	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•		•	•		•	٠		•	•	•	•			•	•	3,200
Family	of	6		•		·		•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	٠	3,400
Family	of	7		•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•		•				•	•	•	•	٠	3,600
Family	of	8		•		•	•			•		•					•	•					•		3,800
Family	of	9	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	٠	٠	•			4	4	•		٥	•	4,000
Family	of	10		•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•		•	•		•		•	•	4,200
Family	of	11	•	••	•				•	•	•		٠				٠	•		٠	٠	•	•	4	4,400
Family	of	12		٠,	•	•	۵		•	b	ú	٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	•	•	•	•	a	٠	٠	•	4,600

2. Only such income and resources as are actually available will be considered; income and resources will be reasonably

evaluated; and only such income and resources will be considered as will be "in hand" within a reasonable period ahead.

- 3. Income and resources will be reasonably evaluated in determining which are actually available.
- 4. The financial responsibility of any individual for any applicant or recipient will not be taken into account unless such applicant or recipient is such individual's spouse, or such individual's child who is under the age of 21 or one who is otherwise actually and legally dependent.

		Issued	and	promulgated	at	Agana,	Guam,	this	7th
day	of	July		, 1972.					

/s/ Carlos G. Camacho
CARLOS G. CAMACHO
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

/8/ Kurt S. Moylan

KURT S. MOYLAN Lieutenant Governor of Guam

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