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#### **Income Pages**

This Job Aid shows how to enter income into the CalHEERS application and modify this information when a consumer reports a change in income. Income is directly related to a consumer's eligibility for financial assistance, so it is important to redetermine eligibility upon completing updates or changes to income pages.

# **Application Income Pages**

The *Income Introduction* page prepares the applicant for questions about their income and suggests documents to have ready to help gather the information

1. After reading the text on the page, click **Continue** to proceed.



### Add an Income Item

- 2. Whether adding income to *Employment Income, Self-Employment Income,* and/or Other *Income* pages, the same steps apply for each screen. To add current income or income history, click the **Add Income** button on the *Income* page.
- 3. On the *Add Income* page, the consumer will enter all fields, including the first and last dates paid, of the specific income period (if entering current income, the *Last Date Paid* field should be left blank).
  - Note, if the consumer reports they are paid hourly or daily, a new field displays to capture the number of Hours or Days per week. If this field is left blank, CalHEERS defaults this value to 1.
- 4. Click **OK** to submit the income item.





 On the *Income* page, click the Add Income button to enter another income record (e.g., for the same job but at a different rate, or for a different income source). Repeat steps 2 – 5 above to enter all income expected for the year for the entire household.

<ul> <li>Introduction</li> </ul>	EMPLOYMENT INCOME			Total cu	Total current monthly household income: \$ 6502.08				
Employment Income	for full-time, pa	enter employment incon art-time or one-time work ome item, click the "Add ton.	k (before taxes a	ire taken out).				6. 86	
Self-Employment Income Other Income	Person	Source of Employment Income	Amount	Frequency	First Date Paid	Last Date Paid	Edit	Delet	
Income Deductions	Bob Incredible	Insuricare Insurance Agency, Inc.	\$ 1020.50	Every 2 weeks	11/08/2013	05/31/2014	Edit	Delete	
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Important notes about income:

• Mid-month income entries may not calculate as a user might expect. CalHEERS does not prorate income. If a consumer indicates an income change mid-month, CalHEERS income screens must be updated to capture the transition month's income. This is completed by end-dating the existing record, adding income items for the transition month, and creating a new income item reflecting the ongoing monthly income.

For example (not depicted in screenshots): John received a raise on June 10th. To correctly reflect the income change in CalHEERS, income screens must be completed as follows:

- End-date the original income item to the last day of the month (5/31)
- Add two new income items for June:
  - a. 6/1 6/9: Enter actual amount received. Use frequency of monthly
  - b. 6/10 6/30: Enter actual amount received. Use frequency of monthly
- o Add another income item for July reflecting the new income amount and frequency.
- Total Current Monthly Household Income displays only income items with date ranges
  in the current month.
- Income can be added under *Employment, Self-Employment,* and *Other Income* pages.
- Income entered on the *Self-Employment* page can only be entered as a monthly amount. Self-employed consumers should list their total net (income after expenses) income.
- One time, or lump-sum payments are entered on the *Other Income* screen.



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- The Income **First Date Paid** can be any date in the past, but no further than four months into the future. If left blank, CalHEERS defaults to January 1st of the year the income item was created.
- 6. Once all income items for a page have been entered, review the page for accuracy. When completed, click **Continue**.
- 7. Navigate through all the income pages, entering on the *Income Deductions* page any deductions the consumer expects to claim on next year's tax return.

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Income Deductions

Self-Employment In...

Other Income

**Income Summary** 

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8. On the *Income Summary* page, carefully review all income items and projected annual household income before continuing through the application.

Note: Make sure monthly income records reflect the household's actual total monthly income—this is what the system will use to calculate **Total Projected Annual Household Income**.



# **Report a Change Income Pages**

This section walks consumers through the **Report a Change** process to update their income information. After submitting an application the consumer's home page shows the **Report a Change** button.

- 1. Click the Report a Change button.
- 2. On the *Report a Change Summary* page, click on the **Income** box across the top of the screen.
- 3. From the *Income Introduction* page, click the income type in the left navigation panel to access the income pages and make changes.

The following steps are the same for each income type (Employment, Self-Employment, Other Income, or Deductions). Always be aware when changing the income CalHEERS uses to calculate Monthly and Annual projections (whether editing or deleting an existing income item, or adding a new one), that income impacts eligibility.

### Edit

- 1. To make changes to existing income, click the **Edit** link on the income item.
- Make updates on the Add Income screen to change Employment Source, Amount, Frequency, or First and Last Paid dates.
- **3.** Review the page for accuracy, and click **OK** to save changes.



#### **Add Income**

- 1. To add income, click the **Add Income** button on the *Income* page.
- 2. Enter new income details, and once all information is entered, click **OK**.

Review all income screens to verify records have been entered so that CalHEERS will calculate actual monthly incomes for every month. This is important as CalHEERS uses monthly incomes to project annual income for eligibility determinations.

- When finished adding income, click Income Summary on the left navigation panel to review Total Projected Annual Household Income. Verify the Projected Annual Income is correct.
- Click the **Continue** button on the Income Summary page to rerun eligibility results, and proceed to **Choose a Health Plan**, if applicable.

