
ALCONA TOWNSHIP
Resolution for Poverty Guidelines #24-001

These Guidelines approved and adopted by the Alcona Township Board on: 1/09/2024

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Twp. Board, and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, who the Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under PA 390 of 1994, PA 620 of 2002, and PA 253 of 2020 (MCL 211.7u), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390 of 1994 the **Township of Alcona, Alcona County**, adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or preceding year

To be eligible, a person shall meet the following requirements on an annual basis:

1. Applicant must own and occupy the principal residence for which the exemption is requested.
2. File a claim with the Board of Review on a completed Michigan Department of Treasury's Form 5737 Application Poverty Exemption, this application must be accompanied by the Townships Supplemental Asset Test form & Federal and State income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence &/or file an affidavit (Form #4988) for all persons residing in the residence who were not required to file federal or state income tax returns, for the current &/or immediately preceding tax year, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding &/or current year.
3. File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons residing in the home do not exceed the current guidelines (\$20,000). Assets include but are not limited to: real estate other than the principle residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, equipment, certificates of deposit, savings, checking, retirement, money market accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
4. Provide proof of ownership, deed, land contract etc.
5. Produce a valid driver's license or other form of legal identification.
6. Meet federal poverty income guidelines as defined and annually determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or standards adopted by the local assessing unit's governing body (if the local assessing unit's standards are less strict than the federal guidelines).
7. The application for exemption claim shall be filed after January 1st, to the Friday prior to the December Board of Review and must be completed in its entirety. The filing of the claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Income: The total income of the household may not exceed the annually adjusted Federal Poverty Guidelines

The income shall include, but is not limited to, the specific income for the person claiming the exemption, and also includes anyone else who is living at the claimant's household.

- ❖ Money, wages, and salaries before deductions & any outside contributions.
- ❖ Net receipts from non-farm self-employment. (These are receipts from a person's own business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses.)
- ❖ Net receipts from farm self-employment. (the same provisions as above for self-employment.)
- ❖ Regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment, worker's compensation, veteran's payments, public assistance, & supplemental security income (SSI).
- ❖ Alimony, child support, and military family allotments.
- ❖ Private &/or governmental pensions, private &/or governmental disability payments and regular insurance or annuity payments,
- ❖ College or university scholarships, grants, fellowships, and assistantships.
- ❖ Dividends, interest, net rental income, royalties, receipts from estates &/or trusts, and gambling or lottery winnings.

*It is possible that a claimant may meet the income test for the poverty exemption for all the persons living at the claimant's household, but the claimant does not meet the asset level test of the entire household. In this situation the claimant would **not qualify** for the poverty exemption even though the income level for the entire household test was met.*

Federal Poverty Income Guidelines as annually updated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be used in determination of 2024 Poverty Exemptions. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence and may not be deviated from.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$ 14,580
2	\$ 19,720
3	\$ 24,860
4	\$ 30,000
5	\$ 35,140
6	\$ 40,280
7	\$ 45,420
8	\$ 50,560
For each additional person + \$5,140	

The Household may have combined Assets up to \$20,000

Assets include but are not limited to:

- A second home
- Land
- Vehicles
- Recreational vehicles such as campers, motorhomes, boats, jet-skis, motorcycles, ATV's, snowmobiles, etc.
- Buildings other than the residence
- Jewelry, Antiques, and Artworks
- Equipment and Other personal property of value
- Bank accounts, Stocks, and Life Insurance Equity
- Money received from the sale of property such as stocks, bonds, a house, or a car unless a person is in the specific business of selling such property.
- Withdrawals of bank deposits and borrowed money.
- Gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, and one-time insurance payments.
- Food or housing received in lieu of wages and the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.
- Federal non-cash benefits programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, & school lunches.

Households with assets over \$20,000 but less than \$35,001 may result in less than 100% Poverty Exemption providing all other guidelines are met.

Households with 2+ people & assets from \$20,001 to \$25,000 **may** qualify for a 75% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted; or
Households with 2+ people & assets from \$25,001 to \$30,000 **may** qualify for a 50% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted; or
Households with 2+ people & assets from \$30,001 to \$35,000 **may** qualify for a 25% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted.

Per PA 253 of 2020

All Poverty Exemptions granted by the Board of Review will receive either a full or partial exemption of 100%, 75% ,50%, or 25%, reduction in Taxable Value for the year the exemption is granted, no other calculation can be utilized without prior approval from the State Tax Commission.

The local Board of Review is not allowed to deviate from the adopted policy & guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy guidelines, State and federal guidelines in granting or denying a poverty exemption.

The foregoing resolution

Was offered by Alcona Township Board Member Gauthier

And supported by Alcona Township Board Member Bouchard

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yes: Bouchard LaLonde MacNeill Gauthier

No: _____

The Township Clerk declared the Resolution #24-001 adopted.

Dawn LaLonde
Dawn LaLonde, Clerk