


Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Housing Stabilization Notice 2013-01

Memorandum

To: DHCD Field Staff

From: Ita Mullárkey, Acting Associate Director 

Subject: Implementation of Increase in the **Federal Poverty Guidelines** effective February 17, 2013

Date: February 4, 2013

Effective February 17, 2013, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued pursuant to the Federal Register (Vol. 78, No. 16 pp. 5182-5183 issued on Thursday, January 24, 2013) will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA eligibility for applicants and recipients is 115% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This change has been programmed into ASIST. Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

Family Size	115% EA Income Eligibility Standard Monthly As of 1-24-2013
1	\$1,101.13
2	\$1,486.38
3	\$1,872.63
4	\$2,257.88
5	\$2,642.13
6	\$3,027.38
7	\$3,413.63
8	\$3,798.88
Add Person	\$385.25

This notice supersedes all prior guidance issued by the Division of Housing Stabilization in regards to maximum income limits for receipt of Emergency Assistance benefits based on then current Federal Poverty Guidelines.