## **Assessing Gross Income**

Gross Income Includes	Proof of Income Includes
Monetary compensation for services, including wages, salary, commissions, or fees	<ul> <li>Current pay stubs(s) noting the pay time frame (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, etc.)</li> <li>Signed statement from employer indicating gross cash earnings for a specified period. A dated statement on letterhead is preferred.</li> <li>Federal income tax return for the most recent calendar year. Use the line A. This is your total income @ line 6 on the 1040 Form.</li> <li>Income Statement Form</li> </ul>
Active military payments	Recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
Food allowances for military households living off base	Recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
Continental United States cost-of-living allowance (CONUS) COLA for military personnel in designated high-cost areas within the continental US.	Recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) (this abbreviation will be reflected on military pay statements)
Military personnel have two options for their paychecks when they are absent from their home.	<ul> <li>Direct-deposit pay checks into a joint account that is accessible to their families.</li> <li>The pay stub or voucher is sent to the military person and other copy is made available to family members if they have power of attorney.</li> <li>Military personnel designates a spouse allotment and/or child allotment, whereby the government sends the family member(s) a check in an amount authorized. The allotment(s) designated for family members may reflect only a portion of the military person's total pay and the WIC applicant may not possess documentation of the family's total gross income.</li> <li>Some families may only have a bank statement confirming the amount of a deposit.</li> </ul>
Social Security benefits, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits	Check stub or award letter from Social Security stating current amount of earnings, bank statements
Dividends or interest on savings or bonds, income from estates, trusts, or investments withdrawn to live on	<ul><li>Income tax return for the most recent calendar year.</li><li>Bank or account statements</li></ul>

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Public assistance or welfare payments; foster care	<ul><li>Income tax return for the most recent calendar year.</li><li>Bank or account statements</li></ul>
Unemployment compensation Worker's Compensation	Unemployment and compensation letter/notice
Government civilian employee or military retirement or pensions or veterans' payments	<ul><li>Annual statement that shows monthly amount of retirement income</li><li>Bank or account statements</li></ul>
Private or child support payments	Income tax return for the most recent calendar year
Alimony or child support payments	<ul><li>Divorce decree</li><li>Award letter</li><li>Copy of check received</li></ul>
Regular contributions from person not living in the household	Letter from person contributing resources to the household
Other cash income: Includes but is not limited to withdrawals from any source, including savings, investments, trust accounts and other resources readily available to the family to live on.	Bank or account statements indicating regular draws on the account(s)
Student financial assistance such as grants and scholarships except those excluded as indicated in IL WIC PPM CS 3.7.	Award or Scholarship letter
Work-study earnings after costs for tuition, books, and school supplies are subtracted.	