



UNDERSTANDING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2020-2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Bahrain are set up to utilize the Alaska Guidelines.

1. The chart below can be read by locating the size of your family. This number corresponds with every member of the family as listed on your Official Orders and includes parents/sponsors and children/dependents.
2. Utilizing your most recent Leave and Earnings Statement you must take the monthly base pay including Basic Allowance Subsistence (BAS) and also include if applicable;
 - a. Support/Alimony
 - b. Retirement/Pension
 - c. Special Duty pay (career sea pay -adjust to actual amount if less than 12 months)
 - d. Spouse income (if not regular provide average monthly income)
 - e. Other income
 - i. HDP Location is other income. It must be reported
 - ii. Report all other forms of income
 - iii. BAH and Combat Pay are not calculated
 - iv. Military do not include COLA but Civilians must include Post Differential as income.
3. USDA requires that the School Liaison Office conduct an annual randomly selected verification of applications and maintain all documents for three years.
4. During the school year, families do not need to report changes in income unless that change may result in an increase in either free or reduced lunches.
5. If you are disapproved, you may appeal the decision to the next higher authority as indicated on your determination letter.

Respectfully,

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