

441—60.7(217) Time limit for eligibility.

60.7(1) Assistance. A refugee may receive assistance, if otherwise eligible:

a. For refugees who entered the country prior to October 1, 2021, during the first eight months the refugee is in the United States, beginning the month the refugee enters the country.

b. For refugees who entered the country on or after October 1, 2021, and for whom eligibility for refugee cash assistance was determined on or before May 4, 2025, during the first 12 months the refugee is in the United States, beginning the month the refugee enters the country.

c. For refugees who entered the country on or after October 1, 2021, and for whom eligibility for refugee cash assistance was determined on or after May 5, 2025, during the first four months the refugee is in the United States, beginning the month the refugee enters the country.

Exception: For asylees, the date of entry is the date asylum is granted. The 8-month, 12-month, or 4-month period of eligibility begins the month asylum is granted. A nonrefugee child in the home with a refugee parent (or refugee parents, if both are in the home) is eligible for assistance until the parent(s) has been in the United States for 8, 12, or 4 months, or until the child reaches 8, 12, or 4 months of age, whichever occurs first. For Afghan special immigrant (SI) parolees and Afghan SI conditional permanent residents (CPRs), the date is the date of “entry into the community,” which is the date the individual departed a safe haven. For Afghan humanitarian parolees, the date is the latter of October 1, 2021, or the date of entry into the community, which is the date the individual departed a safe haven. “Safe haven” is the term the U.S. government and other relevant stakeholders have used for U.S. military bases in the continental United States that housed Afghans evacuated under Operation Allies Refuge/Operation Allies Welcome (OAR/OAW) as Afghans awaited resettlement to their ultimate state of residence.

60.7(2) Resources. The resources of refugees excluded because of the 8-month, 12-month, or 4-month limit will be considered in the same manner as though these refugees were included in the eligible group.

60.7(3) Income.

a. When the eligible refugee group has income, the income will be diverted to meet the needs of the refugees ineligible because of the time limit who would otherwise have been included in the refugee assistance group as defined in subrule 60.5(4).

b. The income of the refugees ineligible because of the time limit who would otherwise have been included in the assistance group as defined in subrule 60.5(4), will be used first to meet the needs of the ineligible group and then applied to the eligible group’s needs.

c. The amount of need for the ineligible group is the difference between the needs of the group including the ineligible refugees and the needs of the group excluding the ineligible refugees. Any excess income will be applied to the needs of the eligible group.

d. Any cash grant received by the applicant under the Department of State or the Department of Justice reception and placement programs will be disregarded as income and as a resource.

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