

## §416.200

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whether an individual was a recipient of aid or assistance (on the basis of disability) under a State plan approved under title XIV or XVI of the Act for a month prior to July 1973. It is not necessary that the aid or assistance for December 1973 and for a month prior to July 1973 have been paid under the State plan of the same State.

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### Subpart B—Eligibility

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#### GENERAL

### §416.200 Introduction.

You are eligible for SSI benefits if you meet all the basic requirements listed in §416.202. However, the first month for which you may receive SSI benefits is the month after the month in which you meet these eligibility requirements. (See §416.501.) You must give us any information we request and show us necessary documents or other evidence to prove that you meet these requirements. We determine your eligibility for each month on the basis of your countable income in that month. You continue to be eligible unless you lose your eligibility because you no longer meet the basic requirements or because of one of the reasons given in §§416.207 through 416.216.

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### §416.201 General definitions and terms used in this subpart.

*Any 9-month period* means any period of 9 full calendar months ending with any full calendar month throughout which (as defined in §416.211) an individual is residing in a public emergency shelter for the homeless (as de-

finied in this section) and including the immediately preceding 8 consecutive full calendar months. January 1988 is the earliest possible month in any 9-month period.

*Educational or vocational training* means a recognized program for the acquisition of knowledge or skills to prepare an individual for gainful employment. For purposes of these regulations, educational or vocational training does not include programs limited to the acquisition of basic life skills including but not limited to eating and dressing.

*Emergency shelter* means a shelter for individuals whose homelessness poses a threat to their lives or health.

*Homeless individual* is one who is not in the custody of any public institution and has no currently usable place to live. By *custody* we mean the care and control of an individual in a mandatory residency where the individual's freedom to come and go as he or she chooses is restricted. An individual in a public institution awaiting discharge and placement in the community is in the custody of that institution until discharged and is not homeless for purposes of this provision.

*Institution* means an establishment that makes available some treatment or services in addition to food and shelter to four or more persons who are not related to the proprietor.

*Medical care facility* means a hospital (defined in section 1861(e) of the Act), a skilled nursing facility (defined in section 1861(j) of the Act), or an intermediate care facility (defined in section 1905(c) of the Act).

*Public emergency shelter for the homeless* means a public institution or that part of a public institution used as an emergency shelter by the Federal government, a State, or a political subdivision of a State, primarily for making available on a temporary basis a place to sleep, food, and some services or treatment to homeless individuals. A medical facility (as defined in §416.201) or any holding facility, detoxification center, foster care facility, or the like that has custody of the individual is not a public emergency shelter for the homeless. Similarly, transitional living arrangements such as a halfway house that are part of an

institution's plan to facilitate the individual's adjustment to community living are not public emergency shelters for the homeless.

*Public institution* means an institution that is operated by or controlled by the Federal government, a State, or a political subdivision of a State such as a city or county. The term *public institution* does not include a publicly operated community residence which serves 16 or fewer residents.

*Resident of a public institution* means a person who can receive substantially all of his or her food and shelter while living in a public institution. The person need not be receiving treatment and services available in the institution and is a resident regardless of whether the resident or anyone else pays for all food, shelter, and other services in the institution. A person is not a resident of a public institution if he or she is living in a public educational institution for the primary purpose of receiving educational or vocational training as defined in this section. A *resident* of a public institution means the same thing as an *inmate* of a public institution as used in section 1611(e)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act. (See § 416.211(b), (c), and (d) of this subpart for exceptions to the general limitation on the eligibility for Supplemental Security Income benefits of individuals who are residents of a public institution.)

*SSI* means supplemental security income.

*State assistance* means payments made by a State to an aged, blind, or disabled person under a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI (AABD) of the Social Security Act which was in effect before the SSI Program.

*We* or *Us* means the Social Security Administration.

*You* or *Your* means the person who applies for or receives SSI benefits or the person for whom an application is filed.

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#### § 416.202 Who may get SSI benefits.

You are eligible for SSI benefits if you meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) You are—
  - (1) Aged 65 or older (subpart H);
  - (2) Blind (subpart I); or
  - (3) Disabled (subpart I).
- (b) You are a resident of the United States (§ 416.1603), and—
  - (1) A citizen or a national of the United States (§ 416.1610);
  - (2) An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States (§ 416.1615);
  - (3) An alien permanently residing in the United States under color of law (§ 416.1618); or
  - (4) A child of armed forces personnel living overseas as described in § 416.216.
- (c) You do not have more income than is permitted (subparts K and D).
- (d) You do not have more resources than are permitted (subpart L).
- (e) You are disabled, drug addiction or alcoholism is a contributing factor material to the determination of disability (see § 416.935), and you have not previously received a total of 36 months of Social Security benefit payments when appropriate treatment was available or 36 months of SSI benefits on the basis of disability where drug addiction or alcoholism was a contributing factor material to the determination of disability.
- (f) You are not—
  - (1) Fleeing to avoid prosecution for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which you flee (or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of that State);
  - (2) Fleeing to avoid custody or confinement after conviction for a crime, or an attempt to commit a crime, which is a felony under the laws of the place from which you flee (or which, in the case of the State of New Jersey, is a high misdemeanor under the laws of that State); or
  - (3) Violating a condition of probation or parole imposed under Federal or State law.