

AUTOMATED IV-E, EAF and TANF (200% of Poverty) Excel Worksheet

What is it?

The automated application is a standalone Excel spreadsheet that determines IV-E, EAF and TANF (200% of Poverty) eligibility. This application is the first step in the eventual inclusion of eligibility determinations with CONNECTIONS.

Do we have to use the spreadsheet?

The application/spreadsheet is simply a tool to help in eligibility determination; its use is not currently required. By designing the application/spreadsheet we are providing an aid to local districts, helping ensure federal funding by delivering a tool that standardizes eligibility determinations and identifying the user requirements for the eventual eligibility determination in CONNECTIONS.

What is the future of the spreadsheet?

The spreadsheet can be used to replace the current worksheet and the scratch pad budget. Once the logic is added to CONNECTIONS, demographic data needed for the eligibility determination will be available automatically. In addition, once eligibility is determined, it will be passed from CONNECTIONS to BICS electronically, allowing BICS to determine proper financial claiming.

What is the proposed schedule?

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| June - August 2001: | Pilot and Testing |
| September/October 2001: | 2nd Pilot |
| November/December 2001: | Implementation |

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BENEFITS:

- ☆ Manual forms are no longer needed.
- ☆ All calculations are performed within the application itself.
- ☆ Eligibility is determined, via the application/spreadsheet, through the answers to a series of questions as well as the compilation of certain financial data.
- ☆ The ABEL logic for the look back date (7-16-96) is included in the application.
- ☆ WMS Scratchpad budgets are no longer required to be processed.
- ☆ The spreadsheet is automatically saved as an Excel workbook when the “Save” button is pushed.
- ☆ The spreadsheet can be printed, then signed and placed in the case folder as the official eligibility determination.
- ☆ Messages are displayed throughout the application to aid users in entering the correct data.