

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

“Low Income Levels” Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a “low-income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low-income levels used to determine eligibility for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (3) individuals from “low-income” families.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The various health professions and nursing grant and cooperative agreement programs that use the low-income levels to determine whether an individual is from an economically disadvantaged background in making eligibility and funding determinations generally make awards to: Accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice, and other public or private nonprofit health or education entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for disadvantaged students.

Low-Income Levels

The Secretary defines a “low-income family” for programs included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department’s poverty guidelines. A family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or

adoption who live together or an individual who is not living with any relatives. Most HRSA programs use the income of the student’s parents to compute low-income status, while a few programs, depending upon the legislative intent of the program, programmatic purpose of the low-income level, as well as the age and circumstances of the participant, will use the student’s family as long as he or she is not listed as a dependent on the parents’ tax form. Each program will announce the rationale and choice of methodology for determining low-income levels in their program guidance. The Department’s poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The Secretary annually adjusts the low-income levels based on the Department’s poverty guidelines and makes them available to persons responsible for administering the applicable programs. The income figures below have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 2010.

2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Size of parents’ family *	Income level **
1	\$21,780
2	29,420
3	37,060
4	44,700
5	52,340
6	59,980
7	67,620
8	75,260

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,820 for each additional person.

2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Size of parents’ family *	Income level **
1	\$27,200
2	36,760
3	46,320
4	55,880
5	65,440
6	75,000
7	84,560
8	94,120

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,780 for each additional person.

2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Size of parents’ family *	Income Level **
1	\$25,080
2	33,860
3	42,640
4	51,420
5	60,200
6	68,980
7	77,760
8	86,540

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,390 for each additional person.

* Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms. Some programs will use the student’s family rather than his or her parents’ family.

** Adjusted gross income for calendar year 2010.

Separate poverty guidelines figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966–1970 period. (Note that the Census Bureau poverty thresholds—the version of the poverty measure used for statistical purposes—have never had separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.) The poverty guidelines are not defined for Puerto Rico or other outlying jurisdictions. Puerto Rico or other outlying jurisdictions shall use income guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Mary K. Wakefield,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant exclusive license.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), this will serve to notify the public that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to intellectual property broker ICAP Ocean Tomo to promote the utilization by the public of the inventions described in the following U.S. patents: 7,122,624

entitled "PH2 Receptor Ligands" (HHS Ref. No. E-123-1999/0), and 7,087,736 entitled "Tyrosine DNA phosphodiesterases (TDP) and related polypeptides, nucleic acids, vectors, TDP producing host cells, antibodies and methods of use" (HHS Ref. No. E-281-1999/0). The patent rights in this invention have been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide and the field of use may be for the use of the Licensed Patent Rights in developing biopharmaceutical products.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before March 31, 2011 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: Mojdeh Bahar, J.D., Chief, Cancer Branch, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-2950; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: baharm@mail.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Prior to March 31, 2011, with NIH's explicit prior consent, ICAP will advertise the availability of the NIH technologies for licensing. Bidders may bid at anytime. Before any bid is accepted, NIH will review the commercial development plan (CDP) and assess the suitability of the bidder as a licensee.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen(15) days from the date of this published notice, the NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: March 9, 2011.

Richard U. Rodriguez,
Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Exercise of Authority Under Section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

Authority: 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(i).

Following consultations with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, I hereby conclude, as a matter of discretion in accordance with the authority granted to me by section 212(d)(3)(B)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(i), as amended, as well as the foreign policy and national security interests deemed relevant in these consultations, that subsection 212(a)(3)(B)(i)(VIII) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(i)(VIII), shall not apply, with respect to an alien, who received military-type training (as defined in section 2339D(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code) under duress from, or on behalf of, a terrorist organization as described in subsection 212(a)(3)(B)(vi), 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)(vi), provided that the alien satisfies the relevant agency authority that the alien:

(a) Is seeking a benefit or protection under the INA and has been determined to be otherwise eligible for the benefit or protection;

(b) Has undergone and passed all relevant background and security checks;

(c) Has fully disclosed, to the best of his or her knowledge, in all relevant applications and interviews with U.S. government representatives and agents, the nature and circumstances of each instance of military-type training and any other activity or association falling within the scope of section 212(a)(3)(B) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B);

(d) Has not received training that itself poses a risk to the United States or United States interests (e.g., training on production or use of a weapon of mass destruction, as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2332a(c)(2), torture, or espionage);

(e) Poses no danger to the safety and security of the United States; and

(f) Warrants an exemption from the relevant inadmissibility provision in the totality of the circumstances.

Implementation of this determination will be made by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), in consultation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or by U.S. consular officers, as applicable, who shall ascertain, to their satisfaction, and in their discretion, that the particular applicant meets each of the criteria set forth above.

When determining whether the military-type training was received under duress, the following factors, among others, may be considered: Whether the applicant reasonably could have avoided, or took steps to avoid, receiving military-type training, including whether the applicant left or escaped the training at the earliest opportunity, if one presented itself; the severity and type of harm inflicted or threatened and to whom the harm was directed; and the perceived imminence of the harm threatened and the perceived likelihood that the harm would be inflicted.

When considering the totality of the circumstances, factors to be considered, in addition to the duress-related factors stated above, may include, among others: The length and nature of the military-type training provided; the nature of the activities committed by the terrorist organization; the alien's awareness of those activities; the alien's conduct since the time of the military-type training; and any other relevant factor.

This exercise of authority may be revoked as a matter of discretion and without notice at any time with respect to any and all persons subject to it. Any determination made under this exercise of authority as set out above can inform but shall not control a decision regarding any subsequent benefit or protection applications, unless such exercise of authority has been revoked.

This exercise of authority shall not be construed to prejudice, in any way, the ability of the U.S. government to commence subsequent criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with U.S. law involving any beneficiary of this exercise of authority (or any other person). This exercise of authority creates no substantive or procedural right or benefit that is legally enforceable by any party against the United States or its agencies or officers or any other person.

In accordance with section 212(d)(3)(B)(ii) of the INA, 8 U.S.C. 1182(d)(3)(B)(ii), a report on the aliens to whom this exercise of authority is applied, on the basis of case-by-case