

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CALWORKS FAMILIES

State Law Increases the CalWORKs Time Limit to 60 Months

Starting May 1, 2022, the time limit for CalWORKs adults will change from 48 months to 60 months. If you are an adult who already used 48 months of CalWORKs, you may be able to get **12 more months**. For example, if you got 36 months of CalWORKs, you can get 24 more months. If you got 50 months of CalWORKs, you can get 10 more months.

Here's What You Need to Know:

- **If you are an adult who is currently getting CalWORKs for yourself:** You do not have to do anything. Keep reporting the way the county told you to report. If you want to know how many months of CalWORKs you have used, check the last time on aid notice you got or ask the county.
- **If you are a timed-out parent who got less than 60 months of CalWORKs and someone in your Assistance Unit (AU) gets CalWORKs:** If you live in the home and are the parent of a child who gets CalWORKs or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you will be automatically added back to the AU on May 1, 2022, if you are eligible. You do not need to contact the county to be added back to the AU.
- **If you are a timed-out adult who got 60 or more months of CalWORKs:** You will not be added back to the AU on May 1, 2022. Your child(ren) can still get CalWORKs but you will remain timed-out. You may get CalWORKs past 60 months if you qualify for an extender. You can submit the [CW 2190A CalWORKs Time Limit Extender Request](#) form or contact the county to ask if you qualify.
- **If you are a timed-out optional adult and not getting CalWORKs for yourself:** Optional adults include grandparents, aunts, uncles and other caretaker relatives who get CalWORKs for a relative child. Optional adults who have timed-out may not be automatically added to the AU on May 1, 2022. Optional adults who want to be added must contact the county to ask if they are eligible. To be added you must meet eligibility rules and complete the [CW 8 Statement of Facts for an Additional Person](#) form.

IMPORTANT: If you are added back to the case, you will need to meet all eligibility rules. This includes following child support rules and Welfare to Work participation rules. Most AUs will see an increase in their monthly CalWORKs grant when a person is added. However, there may be times when there is no change or a decrease to the monthly CalWORKs grant. If you get CalFresh benefits the amount may be lowered when there is an increase of the CalWORKs grant. You will get a notice whenever there is a change to either your CalWORKs grant or CalFresh benefit.

A parent or caretaker relative cannot get CalWORKs if they already got CalWORKs for 60 months. Any aid you got from CalWORKs, another state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, or a Tribal TANF program after January 1, 1998 counts toward the 60-month time limit. There are exceptions to the CalWORKs time limit that will give you more months if you qualify. You can review the [CW 2184 CalWORKs 60-Month Time Limit](#) notice or ask the county for more information. There is no CalWORKs time limit for children.