

## Skills Challenge - Answers

### TANF Time Limits

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#### True or False (5 points each)

1. T or F Beginning July 1, 2003, TANF received in Oregon is countable toward the federal and state time limit. **True - Months of TANF received in Oregon begins counting due to the expiration of Oregon's federally approved waiver.**
2. T or F If a client meets an exemption to time limits for a partial month, they are considered to meet the exemption for the entire month. **True - A person who meets a time limit hardship exemption for a partial month, is assumed to meet the exemption for the entire month.**
3. T or F In the initial month of TANF eligibility, receipt of a prorated TANF grant does not count toward either the federal or state time limit. **False - unless otherwise exempt, receipt of a full or prorated month TANF grant is countable toward time limits.**
4. T or F Months of TANF receipt are countable for participants in the Pre-SSI/SSDI Program and JOBS Plus. **False – Pre-SSI/SSDI and JOBS Plus recipients are not subject to TANF time limits.**
5. T or F Months of TANF receipt count for minor teen parents. **False - Months of TANF receipt count for minor parent head of households (w/exceptions). Months in which the minor parent(s) is listed as a “CH” on the case do not count toward federal or state time limits.**
6. T or F Months of TANF receipt do not count for clients participating in Pre-TANF or clients eligible for stand-alone TA-DVS. **True - Time limits do not apply to Pre-TANF or to stand alone TA-DVS recipients.**
7. T or F A client who reports a disability as defined by the ADA meets an exemption to counting their time on TANF. **False - documentation is required indicating that even with accommodations, the person is unable to obtain or maintain employment due to their disability.**
8. T or F A client caring for a child or family member in the home who is receiving SSI benefits meets the hardship exemption criteria. **False - documentation is required indicating the person is needed in the home to care for the disabled child or family member.**
9. T or F Women are exempt from time limits during the first 6 months after giving birth. **False - this is a federal participation exemption reason, not a time limit hardship exemption.**

10. T or F When a client has received Tribal TANF, or TANF in another state, the worker must determine the number of months if any, the client met time limit hardship exemption criteria. ***False - time limit hardship exemptions do not apply to receipt of Tribal TANF or TANF out of state.***

**Fill-in the Blank** (5 points each)

1. Christina, who has not yet received 60 countable months of TANF, has reapplied for TANF in August, 2008. Although accommodations have been provided, she is unable to maintain employment. She also has a mental health diagnosis that has been documented on the TRACS disability page. The worker is ending Pre-TANF and issuing TANF benefits.

***What time limit need/resource code, and end date, is entered on UCMS when opening TANF? TLL (learning disabilities) or TLM (mental health). The worker would code the exemption N/R code that most greatly affects Christina's ability to obtain and maintain employment. The end date is the same as the Review (re-determination) date on UCMS.***

2. Sally moved from Arkansas to Oregon in September, 2008. The worker verifies with Arkansas that Sally received TANF out of state from January 2004 through November 2004, and from February 2006 through August 2008. She has documentation from a qualified medical professional that she has been needed in the home since March 2007, to care for her child who has a disability.

***How many months of TANF from the other state will count towards Sally's federal time limit and Oregon time limit? Federal=42 months (01/04 through 11/04 = 11 mos., 02/06 through 08/08 = 31mos). Oregon=42 months. Time limit exemption criteria does not apply when determining countable months of Tribal TANF or TANF received out of state.***

***What action(s) does the worker need to take regarding receipt of TANF from the other state? Update the Out of State TANF screen with the state and months the client received TANF out of state. Include in the comment section the date contact was made, the name of person you spoke with and the persons contact information. Add time limit exemption need/resource code to UCMS for the current TANF grant.***

**Multiple Choice** (5 points each)

1. Claudia previously received TANF out of state for herself and her children, for 48 countable months. Although Claudia has met time limit hardship exemption criteria for a few months since receiving TANF in Oregon, she is approaching 60 countable months of TANF received toward Oregon's time limit. The worker will:
  - A. Send a Timely Continuing Benefit Decision Notice to end TANF effective the last day of the 60<sup>th</sup> month. Since Claudia does not meet any time limit hardship exemption reason, she and her children are no longer eligible for TANF.
  - B. **Send a Timely Continuing Benefit Decision Notice to reduce benefits beginning the first day of the 61<sup>st</sup> month. Claudia will continue to receive TANF (with her needs removed) as long as she continues to cooperate with her case plan.**
  - C. Send a Timely Continuing Benefit Decision Notice to reduce benefits beginning the first day of the 61<sup>st</sup> month. Claudia will continue to receive TANF (with her needs removed). Since Claudia is not receiving TANF for herself, she does not have to cooperate with a case plan.
  
2. Terri and her two children are applying for TANF after recently locating from Idaho. Prior to moving to Oregon, Terri received 60 months of TANF countable toward the federal and Oregon time limits. At the TANF intake, Terri stated that she is needed in the home to care for her ailing grandmother, who also lives with Terri. The worker will:
  - A. Pend Terri's application for documentation she is needed in the home to care for her grandmother. If Terri does not provide the documentation within 45 days, the application for TANF is denied.
  - B. Open TANF, with Terri's needs removed, as long as she participates in a case plan. Once Terri provides the documentation she is needed in the home, she will be added to the TANF grant.
  - C. **Pend the TANF application for the required documentation. If Terri does not provide the requested documentation by the 45th, open TANF for the children only.**
  
3. Megan and her child have received TANF in excess of 60 countable months toward the federal and Oregon time limit. Megan does not currently meet any time limit hardship exemption reason, and is receiving a TANF grant for her child only (her "adult needs" have been removed). Megan has stopped participating and cooperating with activities listed in her case plan. The worker will:
  - A. Send a Notice of Pending Status (DHS 210A) giving Megan 45 day to provide documentation she meets one of the time limit hardship exemption reasons. TANF benefits will end if documentation is not received.
  - B. Send a Timely Continuing Benefit Decision Notice to end TANF benefits. Megan's needs have already been removed, therefore she and her child are no longer eligible for TANF.
  - C. **Send a JOBS Appointment Notice for Re-Engagement (DHS 7869). Determine if good cause exists for lack of participation.**

**Match the hardship exemption reason with the appropriate UCMS need/resource code**  
(1 point for each correct answer):

TLA	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Adult with a disability
TLB	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Domestic Violence
TLC	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Mental Health Condition
TLD	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Caring for a disabled family member
TLE	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Alcohol and Drug Condition
TLL	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Client is deprived of needed medical care
TLM	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Learning Disabilities
TLN	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Subjected to battery or extreme cruelty
TLS	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Client is participating in JOBS Parents as Scholars program
TLX	<u>  </u> <b>  </b> <u>  </u>	Caring for a child with a disability

**Bonus question!** (1 point for each correct answer) Which time limit exemption reasons require documentation from a licensed or certified professional qualified to make the determination? (Hint: there are 6)  
**TLA, TLM, TLL, TLS, TLC, TLN**

**Score**

- 75-85+ - Excellent - You are a great resource to your co-workers!
- 65-74 - Good - You can be counted on to get the job done!
- 64 or below - Fair - Your knowledge of time limits' limited!