

## Skills Challenge 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.
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.
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.
4. T or F Months of TANF receipt are countable for participants in the Pre-SSI/SSDI Program and JOBS Plus.
5. T or F Months of TANF receipt count for minor teen parents.
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.
7. T or F A client who reports a disability as defined by the ADA meets an exemption to counting their time on TANF.
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.
9. T or F Women are exempt from time limits during the first 6 months after giving birth.
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.

### 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?*

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?*

*What action(s) does the worker need to take regarding receipt of TANF from the other state?*

**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 for her children (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 for her children (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 the TANF 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 for the children, with Terri's needs removed, as long as she participates in a case plan. Once Terri provides the required documentation, 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 (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 time limit hardship exemption reason with the appropriate UCMS need/resource code**  
(1 point for each correct answer):

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

**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!