

**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION (PDSC)
RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL
OF THE UPDATED
PDSC ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

RESOLUTION NO. PDSC 07-11

WHEREAS, Chapter 11, Title 12 Guam Code Annotated established the Public Defender Service Corporation “to provide legal aid and assistance to those persons in Guam who are unable to afford counsel”; and

WHEREAS, while Chapter 11, Title 12 Guam Code Annotated provides the discretionary powers for judges to determine whether a defendant is indigent, and whether his case is to be referred to the PDSC, the Corporation is also permitted to assist the judges of the courts of Guam in ruling on cases of indigency and in establishing criteria for determining when the services of the Corporation are appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the PDSC relies on the Federal Poverty Guidelines used by various public assistance programs in determining a client’s eligibility for its services; and

WHEREAS, periodic adjustments of these guidelines have been necessary in order to accommodate changes in Guam’s economic climate (i.e., minimum wage adjustments, cost-of-living increases, etc.); and

WHEREAS, the PDSC submitted the attached Eligibility Guidelines (Attachment “A”) for consideration by the Board of Trustees; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service Corporation, in its meeting of July 12, 2011, hereby approves the Corporation’s updated Eligibility Guidelines as reflected on “Attachment A”, which is made a part of this resolution; and be it further


RESOLVED, these Eligibility Guidelines shall become effective immediately.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2011.



Chief Justice F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO
Chairman

ATTEST:



BERNADETTE S.N. CHARGUALAF
Secretary

Attachment "A"
(PDCS Board Resolution No. 07-11)

**PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

(Adopted by the PDCS Board of Trustees
on July 12, 2011)

2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	\$10/hr	Hourly Wage:
1	\$10,890	\$20,800	\$10.00
2	14,710	24,620	11.83
3	18,530	28,440	13.67
4	22,350	32,260	15.51
5	26,170	36,080	17.35
6	29,990	39,900	19.18
7	33,810	43,720	21.02
8	37,630	47,540	22.86
For each additional person, add	3,820	3,820	Annual Wage/2080 hours