# Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago Ministry of Social Development and Family Services

## MEANS TEST

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20	Net Income (Line 12 minus line 19)											
21	Household Poverty			1,439.02)								
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## BREAKDOWN OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME

	Name	Income from Employment/ Self-Employment	Pensions	Remittances	Investments	Rental	Alimony/ Maintenance	Safety Net Grants	TOTAL
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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

## A. Calculating the Net Household Income

### Household: A household is classified as either:

(a) A one-person household, defined as an arrangement in which one person makes provision for his or her own food or other essentials for living without combining with any other person to form part of a multi-person household or

(b) A multi-person household, defined as a group of two or more persons living together who make common provision for food or other essentials for living.

Gross Income: all earned and other income of each member of the household, will be taken into account. This will include income from employment (After statutory deductions-NIS, Health Surcharge, Income Tax), self-employment, pensions, remittances, investments, rental, alimony/maintenance and safety net grants.

Net Income: In calculating the net income, information on the household's gross income and expenditure on allowable deductions will be collected, i.e. Gross income – Allowable Deductions=Net Income.

#### Allowable Deductions

Housing (Rent, Land Rent/Lease, Mortgage, Land and Building Tax) with a cap of \$2,500 per month and;

Health expenses: Recurring Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies not covered by CDAP/ Public Health Dispensary inclusive of but not limited to adult diapers, insulin strips, oxygen, etc.

NB: These must be accompanied by referral and prescription from a medical practitioner, a letter regarding availability from Public Health Institutions and quotation.

## Adult Equivalence Score or AES:

A score is assigned to each member of the household in accordance with the table below. The household score is the total of the assigned score for all of the household members.

## **ADULT EQUIVALENCE SCALES:**

Age	Under	1-3 yrs	4-6	7-9 yrs	10-14yrs	15-18	19-29	30-60	61 yrs
	1		yrs			yrs	yrs	yrs	
Adult	0.31	0.52	0.67	0.76	0.87	0.95	1	0.98	0.80
Equivalence									

## **Household Poverty Line:**

The household poverty line is derived by multiplying the total household equivalence score by \$1,439.02.

## B. Determining Eligibility

Once an applicant's NET HOUSEHOLD INCOME is less than or equal to the HOUSEHOLD POVERTY LINE, the household can be considered for the programme/services, i.e. **Net Income ≤ Poverty Line = Eligible Family.** 

