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**APPENDIX IV TO SUBPART C OF PART 404—EARNINGS NEEDED FOR A YEAR OF COVERAGE AFTER 1950**

**MINIMUM SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS TO QUALIFY FOR A YEAR OF COVERAGE AFTER 1950 FOR PURPOSES OF THE—**

Year	Special minimum primary insurance amount	Benefit computations described in section 404.213(d) <sup>2</sup>
1951-1954	\$900	\$900
1955-1958	1,050	1,050
1959-1965	1,200	1,200
1966-1967	1,650	1,650
1968-1971	1,950	1,950
1972	2,250	2,250
1973	2,700	2,700
1974	3,300	3,300
1975	3,525	3,525
1976	3,825	3,825
1977	4,125	4,125
1978	4,425	4,425
1979	4,725	4,725
1980	5,100	5,100
1981	5,550	5,550
1982	6,075	6,075
1983	6,675	6,675
1984	7,050	7,050
1985	7,425	7,425
1986	7,875	7,875
1987	8,175	8,175
1988	8,400	8,400
1989	8,925	8,925
1990	9,525	9,525
1991	5,940	9,900
1992	6,210	10,350

<sup>2</sup> Applies only to certain individuals with pensions from non-covered employment.

NOTE: For 1951-78, the amounts shown are 25 percent of the contribution and benefit base (the contribution and benefit base is the same as the annual wage limitation as shown in §404.1047) in effect. For years after 1978, however, the amounts are 25 percent of what the contribution and benefit base would have been if the 1977 Social Security Amendments had not been enacted, except, for special minimum benefit purposes, the applicable percentage is 15 percent for years after 1990.

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**APPENDIX V TO SUBPART C OF PART 404—COMPUTING THE SPECIAL MINIMUM PRIMARY INSURANCE AMOUNT AND RELATED MAXIMUM FAMILY BENEFITS**

These tables are based on section 215(a)(1)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act, as amended. They include the percent cost-of-living increase shown in appendix VI for each effective date.

**JUNE 1979**

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11	\$12.70	\$19.10
12	25.30	38.00
13	38.00	57.00
14	50.60	75.90
15	63.20	94.90
16	75.90	113.90
17	88.50	132.80
18	101.20	151.80
19	113.80	170.70
20	126.40	189.60
21	139.10	208.70
22	151.70	227.60
23	164.40	246.60
24	177.00	265.50
25	189.60	284.50
26	202.30	303.50
27	214.90	322.40
28	227.50	341.30
29	240.20	360.30
30	252.80	379.20

**JUNE 1980**

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11	\$14.60	\$21.90
12	29.00	43.50
13	43.50	65.30
14	57.90	86.90
15	72.30	108.50
16	86.80	130.20
17	101.20	151.80
18	115.70	173.60
19	130.10	195.20
20	144.50	216.80
21	159.00	238.60
22	173.40	260.20
23	188.00	282.00
24	202.40	303.60
25	216.80	325.20
26	231.30	347.00
27	245.70	368.60
28	260.10	390.20
29	274.60	411.90
30	289.00	433.50

**JUNE 1981**

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefits
11	\$16.30	\$24.50
12	32.30	48.50
13	48.40	72.70
14	64.40	96.70
15	80.40	120.70
16	96.60	144.90
17	112.60	168.90
18	128.70	193.10
19	144.70	217.10
20	160.70	241.10
21	176.90	265.40
22	192.90	289.40
23	209.10	313.70
24	225.10	337.70
25	241.10	361.70

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I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefits
26 .....	257.30	386.00
27 .....	273.30	410.00
28 .....	289.30	434.00
29 .....	305.40	458.10
30 .....	321.40	482.10

JUNE 1982

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$17.50	\$26.30
12 .....	34.60	52.00
13 .....	51.90	78.00
14 .....	69.10	103.80
15 .....	86.30	129.60
16 .....	103.70	155.60
17 .....	120.90	181.30
18 .....	138.20	207.30
19 .....	155.40	233.10
20 .....	172.50	258.90
21 .....	189.90	285.00
22 .....	207.10	310.80
23 .....	224.50	336.90
24 .....	241.70	362.60
25 .....	258.90	388.40
26 .....	276.30	414.50
27 .....	293.50	440.30
28 .....	310.70	466.10
29 .....	327.90	491.90
30 .....	345.10	517.70

DECEMBER 1983

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$18.10	\$27.20
12 .....	35.80	53.80
13 .....	53.70	80.70
14 .....	71.50	107.40
15 .....	89.30	134.10
16 .....	107.30	161.00
17 .....	125.10	187.60
18 .....	143.00	214.50
19 .....	160.80	241.20
20 .....	178.50	267.90
21 .....	196.50	294.90
22 .....	214.30	321.60
23 .....	232.30	348.60
24 .....	250.10	375.20
25 .....	267.90	401.90
26 .....	285.90	429.00
27 .....	303.70	455.70
28 .....	321.50	482.40
29 .....	339.30	509.10
30 .....	357.10	535.80

DECEMBER 1984

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$18.70	\$28.10
12 .....	37.00	55.60
13 .....	55.50	83.50

DECEMBER 1984—Continued

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
14 .....	74.00	111.10
15 .....	92.40	138.70
16 .....	111.00	166.60
17 .....	129.40	194.10
18 .....	148.00	222.00
19 .....	166.40	249.60
20 .....	184.70	277.20
21 .....	203.30	305.20
22 .....	221.80	332.80
23 .....	240.40	360.80
24 .....	258.80	388.30
25 .....	277.20	415.90
26 .....	295.90	444.00
27 .....	314.30	471.60
28 .....	332.70	499.20
29 .....	351.10	526.90
30 .....	369.50	554.50

DECEMBER 1985

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$19.20	\$28.90
12 .....	38.10	57.30
13 .....	57.20	86.00
14 .....	76.20	114.50
15 .....	95.20	142.90
16 .....	114.40	171.70
17 .....	133.40	200.10
18 .....	152.50	228.80
19 .....	171.50	257.30
20 .....	190.40	285.70
21 .....	209.60	314.60
22 .....	228.60	343.10
23 .....	247.80	371.90
24 .....	266.80	400.30
25 .....	285.70	428.70
26 .....	305.00	457.70
27 .....	324.00	486.20
28 .....	343.00	514.60
29 .....	361.90	543.20
30 .....	380.90	571.60

DECEMBER 1986

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$19.40	\$29.20
12 .....	38.50	58.00
13 .....	57.90	87.10
14 .....	77.10	115.90
15 .....	96.40	144.70
16 .....	115.80	173.90
17 .....	135.10	202.70
18 .....	154.40	231.70
19 .....	173.70	260.60
20 .....	192.80	289.40
21 .....	212.30	318.60
22 .....	231.50	347.50
23 .....	251.00	376.70
24 .....	270.20	405.50
25 .....	289.40	434.20
26 .....	308.90	463.60
27 .....	328.20	492.50
28 .....	347.40	521.20

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I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
29 .....	366.60	550.20
30 .....	385.80	579.00

DECEMBER 1987

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$20.20	\$30.40
12 .....	40.10	60.40
13 .....	60.30	90.70
14 .....	80.30	120.70
15 .....	100.40	150.70
16 .....	120.60	181.20
17 .....	140.70	211.20
18 .....	160.80	241.40
19 .....	180.90	271.50
20 .....	200.80	301.50
21 .....	221.20	331.90
22 .....	241.20	362.00
23 .....	261.50	392.50
24 .....	281.50	422.50
25 .....	301.50	452.40
26 .....	321.80	483.00
27 .....	341.90	513.10
28 .....	361.90	543.00
29 .....	381.90	573.30
30 .....	402.00	603.30

DECEMBER 1988

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$21.00	\$31.60
12 .....	41.70	62.80
13 .....	62.70	94.30
14 .....	83.50	125.50
15 .....	104.40	156.70
16 .....	125.40	188.40
17 .....	146.30	219.60
18 .....	167.20	251.00
19 .....	188.10	282.30
20 .....	208.80	313.50
21 .....	230.00	345.10
22 .....	250.80	376.40
23 .....	271.90	408.20
24 .....	292.70	439.40
25 .....	313.50	470.40
26 .....	334.60	502.30
27 .....	355.50	533.60
28 .....	376.30	564.70
29 .....	397.10	596.20
30 .....	418.00	627.40

DECEMBER 1989

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$21.90	\$33.00
12 .....	43.60	65.70
13 .....	65.60	98.70
14 .....	87.40	131.30
15 .....	109.30	164.00
16 .....	131.20	197.20

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I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
17 .....	153.10	229.90
18 .....	175.00	262.70
19 .....	196.90	295.50
20 .....	218.60	328.20
21 .....	240.80	361.30
22 .....	262.50	394.00
23 .....	284.60	427.30
24 .....	306.40	460.00
25 .....	328.20	492.50
26 .....	350.30	525.90
27 .....	372.20	558.60
28 .....	393.90	591.20
29 .....	415.70	624.20
30 .....	437.60	656.80

DECEMBER 1990

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$23.00	\$34.70
12 .....	45.90	69.20
13 .....	69.10	104.00
14 .....	92.10	138.30
15 .....	115.20	172.80
16 .....	138.20	207.80
17 .....	161.30	242.30
18 .....	184.40	276.80
19 .....	207.50	311.40
20 .....	230.40	345.90
21 .....	253.80	380.80
22 .....	276.60	415.20
23 .....	299.90	450.30
24 .....	322.90	484.80
25 .....	345.90	519.00
26 .....	369.20	554.20
27 .....	392.20	588.70
28 .....	415.10	623.10
29 .....	438.10	657.90
30 .....	461.20	692.20

DECEMBER 1991

I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
11 .....	\$23.80	\$35.90
12 .....	47.50	71.70
13 .....	71.60	107.80
14 .....	95.50	143.40
15 .....	119.40	179.10
16 .....	143.30	215.40
17 .....	167.20	251.20
18 .....	191.20	287.00
19 .....	215.10	322.90
20 .....	238.90	358.60
21 .....	263.10	394.80
22 .....	286.80	430.50
23 .....	310.90	466.90
24 .....	334.80	502.70
25 .....	358.60	538.20
26 .....	382.80	574.70
27 .....	406.70	610.40
28 .....	430.40	646.10
29 .....	454.30	682.20

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I. Years of coverage	II. Primary insurance amount	III. Maximum family benefit
30 .....	478.20	717.80

NOTE: The amounts shown in the above table for years of coverage less than 19 are not payable for June 1981 through December 1981 because the corresponding values shown in column II are less than the \$135.70 minimum primary insurance amount payable for that period. For months after December 1981, a special minimum primary insurance amount of \$128.70 will be payable.

[47 FR 30734, July 15, 1982, as amended at 52 FR 8248, Mar. 17, 1987; 57 FR 44097, Sept. 24, 1992; 57 FR 45878, Oct. 5, 1992]

**APPENDIX VI TO SUBPART C OF PART 404—PERCENTAGE OF AUTOMATIC INCREASES IN PRIMARY INSURANCE AMOUNTS SINCE 1978**

Effective date	Percentage increase
06/79 .....	9.9
06/80 .....	14.3
06/81 .....	11.2
06/82 .....	7.4
12/83 .....	3.5
12/84 .....	3.5
12/85 .....	3.1
12/86 .....	1.3
12/87 .....	4.2
12/88 .....	4.0
12/89 .....	4.7
12/90 .....	5.4
12/91 .....	3.7

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**APPENDIX VII TO SUBPART C OF PART 404—“OLD-LAW” CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE**

*Explanation:* We use these figures to determine the earnings needed for a year of coverage for years after 1978 (see § 404.261 and appendix IV). This is the contribution and benefit base that would have been effective under the Social Security Act without the enactment of the 1977 amendments.

Year	Amount
1979 .....	\$18,900
1980 .....	20,400
1981 .....	22,200
1982 .....	24,300
1983 .....	26,700
1984 .....	28,200
1985 .....	29,700
1986 .....	31,500
1987 .....	32,700
1988 .....	33,600
1989 .....	35,700
1990 .....	38,100
1991 .....	39,600
1992 .....	41,400

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**Subpart D—Old-Age, Disability, Dependents’ and Survivors’ Insurance Benefits; Period of Disability**

**AUTHORITY:** Secs. 202, 203(a) and (b), 205(a), 216, 223, 225, 228(a)–(e), and 702(a)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402, 403(a) and (b), 405(a), 416, 423, 425, 428(a)–(e), and 902(a)(5)).

**SOURCE:** 44 FR 34481, June 15, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

**GENERAL**

**§ 404.301 Introduction.**

This subpart sets out what requirements you must meet to qualify for social security benefits, how your benefit amounts are figured, when your right to benefits begins and ends, and how family relationships are determined. These benefits are provided by title II of the Social Security Act. They include—

- (a) *For workers*, old-age and disability benefits and benefit protection during periods of disability;
- (b) *For a worker’s dependents*, benefits for a worker’s wife, divorced wife, husband, divorced husband, and child;
- (c) *For a worker’s survivors*, benefits for a worker’s widow, widower, divorced wife, child, and parent, and a lump-sum death payment; and
- (d) *For uninsured persons age 72 or older*, special payments.

**§ 404.302 Other regulations related to this subpart.**

This subpart is related to several others. Subpart H sets out what evidence you need to prove you qualify for benefits. Subpart P describes what is needed to prove you are disabled. Subpart E describes when your benefits may be reduced or stopped for a time. Subpart G describes the need for and the effect of an application for benefits. Part 410 describes when you may qualify for black lung benefits. Part 416 describes when you may qualify for supplemental security income. Also 42 CFR part 405 describes when you may