

**DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Child Care Financial Assistance Manual**Chapter: **ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION – Case Management**Subject: **Asset Limit**

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To clarify the definition of assets, as it relates to the \$1,000,000 dollar asset limit.

POLICY

To receive child care financial assistance, a family's assets must not exceed \$1,000,000.

PROCEDURES

1. Applicant must certify that family assets do not exceed \$1,000,000 by checking yes or no on the Child Care Financial Assistance Program application.
2. Only liquid assets are included in the asset test. Liquid assets are an individual's financial resources that are cash or that can be quickly converted to cash without incurring penalties, including cash on hand, as well as funds in checking, savings, money market, securities, and credit union share accounts. Any business liquid assets encumbered by a legal entity, such as a Limited Liability Company (LLC), must not be included in the family's asset test. Nonliquid assets are those that are not readily convertible to cash. These include land, buildings, any real property, or retirement accounts. Nonliquid assets are not included in the asset test.

Exceptions to Asset Limit

1. The asset limit is waived for children with Protective Services Authorizations and children who have been adopted through Vermont's Family Services Division and have an Adoption Assistance Agreement.