

Under BAPCPA (2005 Bankruptcy Reform Act), a “means test” (who can file based on income) is set forth in the law. There are some very difficult calculations which must go into means test calculations. The initial test, [Tier 1], is to see if you are equal to or above the median for your gross annual income from wages. If you know your gross income is below the median (see below) you will not need to file this out in detail.

Thank you! Current month is _____, 201___. IF YOU ARE NEAR TO OR ABOVE THE MEDIAN GROSS ANNUAL INCOME, PLEASE GO BACKWARDS IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IN LISTING YOUR GROSS INCOME PER PAY PERIOD. HOW OFTEN ARE YOU PAID? PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

WEEKLY BI-WEEKLY SEMI-MONTHLY (TWICE EACH MONTH) MONTHLY

	<i>Check date:</i>	Gross income	
The initial test, [Tier 1], is to list for the past seven months, including the current month, all of your income and that of all persons earning an income living in your household, leaving out only monies received regularly from the Social Security Administration (including even people not intending to file who are usual residents in your household). As a starting point, please use the following information to see if you need to fill out this form in detail. You do NOT need to fill this form out in detail if your annual gross income is not above or close to the median income for your household size. If your income is close to the median income for the household size (or above) we will then to perform the Tier 2 calculations which will require an extremely detailed breakdown of the deductions from your wages, other information as pertains to some of expenses and we will need to be provided with the exact amount of income you earned in the six month period	<u>10/20/2007</u>	<u>426.00</u>	<i>Sample</i>
	_____	_____	check 1
	_____	_____	check 2
	_____	_____	check 3
	_____	_____	check 4
	_____	_____	check 5
	_____	_____	check 6
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	_____	_____	check 14
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	_____	_____	check 17
	_____	_____	check 18
Number in household : Annual gross income [from wage earnings not gross business income]	_____	_____	check 19
	_____	_____	check 20
1 : \$39,384.00	_____	_____	check 21
2 : 52,024.00	_____	_____	check 22
3 : 56,682.00	_____	_____	check 23
4 : 69,239.00	_____	_____	check 24
5 : 76,739.00	_____	_____	check 25
6 : 84,239.00	_____	_____	check 26
7 : 91,739.00	_____	_____	check 27
8 : 99,239.00	_____	_____	check 28
	_____	_____	check 29
	_____	_____	check 30
	_____	_____	check 31

In determining whether or not you can file a Chapter 7 case, or how much your unsecured creditors will have to be paid in a Chapter 13 case, Tier 2 calculations allow us to deduct those amounts that the non-filing wage-earners in your house regularly pay for items that do not benefit the household (such as their own installment loans, credit card bills, etc.). However, for this initial calculation it is important that this form be filled out for each person residing in your household who is earning a wage if you are above or remotely close to the median annual gross income for your household size. Thank you..

This information is very important, and very time-consuming to track down. Therefore, please get this information before you call for the office consultation. AS AN EXAMPLE, IF YOU ARE CLOSE TO OR ABOVE THE MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME AND A MARRIED COUPLE, BOTH WORKING AND LIVING TOGETHER, EACH MUST FILL OUT THIS PRIOR INCOME FORM FOR THE MEANS TEST CALCULATIONS REQUIRED BY BAPCPA. THANK YOU.