



# WATER AFFORDABILITY CREDIT APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER'S LICENSE/ID \_\_\_\_\_

## ELEGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a \$5.00 monthly credit for the Water Affordability Credit Program (Water ACP):

- Service must be single family residence and in the name of the accountholder;
- Accountholder is billed and pays for water services from the City of Fresno;
- Accountholder must live on the property;
- Accountholders may qualify if they are eligible to receive PG&E's ("CARE") Program, the listed Fresno County Human Services program or based on annual income.

## CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW WHICH APPLY TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD

<u>Pacific Gas &amp; Electric</u>	<u>Annual maximum income limits are below:</u>
California Alternate Rates Energy Program ("CARE")	1-2 persons \$33,820
	3 persons \$42,660
<u>Fresno County Human Services Program</u>	4 persons \$51,500
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP")	5 persons \$60,340
Women, Infants and Children ("WIC")	6 persons \$69,180
National School Lunch Program ("NSLP")	Add \$8,840 for each additional person
Medi-Cal Program	

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Due to limited funding and in the interest of equity, accountholders must apply on a first-come, first served basis each year. Affordability Credits will be issued for a 12 month period from July to June to qualified applicants. If all qualified applicants are enrolled and the budget is not depleted, further applications will be accepted until all Affordability Credits are utilized. Upon enrollment and qualification in the Water ACP, participants will be required to submit an application prior to May 31st for the next Water ACP beginning July 1. See more details below or call us at 559-621-6888.

## SIGNATURE

By signing this application, I certify that my household income meets the requirements, I qualify for either "CARE" or one of the Fresno County Human Services Programs listed above. I also agree to the following terms:

1. Information I provided is accurate
2. I live at the address where the Water ACP discount will be received
3. I understand I must re-certify for eligibility determination each year
4. I must notify the City of Fresno if my household is no longer eligible for the Water ACP discount
5. After enrollment I may be required to provide proof that my household qualifies
6. I will pay back the discount if any information provided is not accurate
7. The account must not be shut off for non-payment to continue receiving the discount.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to: City of Fresno Utilities Billing & Collection, PO Box 2069 Fresno CA 93718-2069 or hand deliver to: Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno St #1098 Fresno CA 93721. Qualified persons will see the credit on the front of the water bill.

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- The Water Affordability Credit Program (Water ACP) offers financial assistance to qualified low-income water utility accountholders.
- Objective: Provides financial assistance to accountholders based on demonstrated financial need. The discount for water service is intended to mitigate the first-year impact on accountholders that use an annual monthly average of 18 HCF of water per month.
- Purpose: Value of the Water Affordability Credit up to \$5 per month, or a maximum \$60 in a 12-month period.
- Water ACP will be funded with an annual appropriation of \$1 million to provide financial assistance to approximately 16,700 income-qualified accountholders per year.
- The source of funding for the Water ACP shall be revenue collected by the City Utilities Billing and Collections Division as late payments and delinquency charges.
- Qualification: Water ACP is a low income based program California Public Utility Commission's poverty level guidelines.
- To qualify for the Water ACP, accountholders can submit documentation that they qualify for PG&E's California Alternate Rates for Energy ("CARE") Program or one of Fresno County's human services program.
- If an individual qualifies for one of the programs listed above that are administered by PG&E or Fresno County, using the same name and address as on the individual's utility account with the City, then the individual could submit an application to receive the City's Water ACP.
- In addition, the Administration will review the water consumption records of Water ACP participants to identify those whose annual average monthly water consumption rate is greater than 18 HCF per month.
- Assessment surveys and rebates will be offered to assist in reducing this usage.