

QUALIFYING ARRIVAL DATES (QAD) AND 'TO JOIN MOVES'



WHAT IS A QUALIFYING ARRIVAL DATE (QAD)?



The qualifying arrival date is the date that a Migratory Child and the Migratory Agricultural worker (if the child is not the worker) complete **qualifying moves**. This is often referred to as the qualifying arrival date, or QAD, for purposes of the COE.

WHAT IS A QUALIFYING MOVE?

1. made due to economic necessity; and

2. from one residence to another residence; and

3. from one school district to another school district.*



*In a State that is comprised of a single school district, a move qualifies if it is from one administrative area to another within the district. In addition, in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles, a move qualifies if it is over a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY DON'T MOVE AT THE SAME TIME?

• If the child is not the migratory agricultural worker or migratory fisher, the child must move "with, or to join" a parent/guardian or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or fisher. This means the child's move may either precede or follow the worker's move. This needs to happen within 12 months of when the worker moves.

WHEN IS THE QAD IN THESE CASES?



In situations where the child and worker do not move at the same time, QAD is the day the child and worker complete the move to be together. That is, if the child's move precedes the worker's move, the QAD is the date that the worker arrived. If the child's move follows the worker's move, the QAD is when the child arrives.

REMINDER!

The child's move should generally occur within 12 months of the worker's move, and that after one year, it is difficult to link the child's move to the worker's move.

