

CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY INFORMATIONAL SHEET

Deadlines

Residency is determined at the time of application. Students are responsible for nonresident fees unless they can prove residency or obtain an exemption. Nonresidents are advised to change their residency as soon as possible and in consideration of the refund deadline. Requests for residency changes will not be considered after the last day of the term.

Acceptable Residency Documents

Stronger documents:

- CA driver's license or ID card
- Income tax statements (both Federal and California)
- Legal documents showing ownership of residential property
- CA vehicle registration
- CA voter registration card
- CA professional practice license

Weaker documents:

- Lease agreement for California residence
- California bank statement or letter from bank with account opening date and California address
- Petition for divorce in California
- CA utility bills
- Military DD214 showing California as home of record and LES from each year of active duty

** Other documents may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Contact Admissions & Records for more information.

General Information

You may be required to prove California residency if the application you submitted indicates that you have been present in California for less than two years or your application has inconsistencies in the residency information you provided. If you are a California resident, the matter can be resolved by completing the Request to be Classified as a California Resident Form and submitting copies of at least two residency documents to the Admissions & Records Office.

Resident student classification for educational purposes shall be given to students 19 years of age or older who have both resided in California *and* manifested the intent to make California their residence one year and one day prior to the beginning of the semester/session. "Manifested the intent" means having supporting documentation showing the intent to make California one's state of legal residence. This is normally done by filing California state income tax as a resident, by voting as a resident, and NOT possessing documents contradicting California residence.

The one-year resident period which a student must meet to be classified as a resident does not begin until the student is both physically present in California and has manifested intent to become a California resident (i.e.: registering to vote, obtaining a California driver's license, filing California state income tax as a resident and not possessing documents contradicting California residence).

The burden is on the student to establish and demonstrate California residence. The law governing residence determination for tuition purposes may be found in the California Education Code and in Title 5 of the California Admin. Code.

Exemptions

US Active Duty Military Members

Active duty service members will not be considered California residents unless they can prove residency. If they cannot, then they may receive an exemption from the nonresident tuition by bringing in a copy of their Orders to Admissions & Records.

US Active Duty Military Dependents

Dependents of active duty service members who do not qualify for California residency may receive an exemption from nonresident tuition by filling out the US Military Dependent Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request Form.

California High School Graduates

Students who do not qualify for California residency may be eligible for an exemption from nonresident tuition if they attended high school in California for at least three years *and* received a California high school diploma or equivalent. Eligible students must fill out the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request Form (AB540) and provide their official high school transcripts.