

Sac State Residency

Why was I classified as a non-resident of California for tuition purposes?

Students are classified as non-residents based on their answers on their admissions application. Based on the answers, state Education Code requires that we verify your residency status based on the information you provided. Students can initially be classified as non-residents for the following:

- A They checked the “No” box to the question: Do you or do your parents claim California residency?
- B They have attended an out of state school for any period of time
- C They have lived outside of California for other reasons than attending school within the previous year
- D They hold either a permanent resident card or other immigration visa
- E They listed either a permanent or mailing address outside the state of California
- F The present date stay in California began is less than one year prior to residency determination date.
- G They indicate that they are non citizens of the United States and do not have a legal immigration status.
- H They list another state as their legal home.

Students classified as non-residents who believe they are residents can find information on how to have their status reviewed in our [Residency Website](https://www.csus.edu/apply/admissions/application-process/residency.html) (<https://www.csus.edu/apply/admissions/application-process/residency.html>)

Documents and questions about your residency status can be sent to caresidency@csus.edu

I am a non-resident of California, how do I establish residency in California?

A student attending a CSU as a first-time freshman, transfer or as a post-baccalaureate student must have the legal capacity to establish residency in the State of California. If the student is under the age of 19 (with limited exceptions), the student’s residence status is derived from that of the parent or, if both parents are deceased, from that of the legal guardian.

Generally speaking, to be eligible for classification as a California resident for tuition purposes, the student or if the student is a minor, the parent/guardian must provide verification that these requirements are satisfied:

- A **Physical Presence:** The student or parent/guardian must be physically present in California for more than one year immediately preceding the Residence Determination Date in which enrollment is contemplated. For example, if a student plans to attend the CSU for the Fall 2019 academic term, and the Residence Determination Date for that term is September 20, 2019, the student must establish physical presence in California no later than September 19, 2018.
- B **Intent:** The student or parent/guardian must demonstrate intent to remain indefinitely in the state for more than one year immediately preceding the Residence Determination Date and sever all residential ties with the former state or country of residence. Additionally, there must

be sufficient documentation to demonstrate that intent was established more than one year (a minimum of one year and one day) prior to the Residence Determination Date.

[See more information on Residency Requirements for Tuition Purposes](https://www.calstate.edu/apply/california-residency-for-tuition-purposes)

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How do I meet California non-resident tuition exemption (AB540/AB2000)?

You may qualify for an exemption from non-resident tuition if you:

- A Attended a California elementary/secondary, high school, adult school or community college for a combination of three or more full years (please note that only two years will be counted from the community college)
- B Graduated from a California high school (or attained the equivalent) or obtained an associate degree from a California community college or meet the minimum CSU admission requirements.

Qualified AB540 students should submit the [California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request](https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/financial-aid/documents/csu%20ca%20nonresident%20tuition%20exemption%20request%20form.pdf) (<https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/resources-for-undocumented-students/financial-aid/documents/csu%20ca%20nonresident%20tuition%20exemption%20request%20form.pdf>) and official transcripts to the Admission office.

Waivers

Waivers of the non-resident tuition can only be granted if a student meets specific criteria. Information about the available waivers can be found in the [Cal State Website](https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/california-residency-for-tuition-purposes/Pages/exceptions-exemptions.aspx).

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