

AP 5013 STUDENTS IN THE MILITARY

References:

Education Code Sections 68074, 68075, and 68075.5;
Title 5 Sections 55023, 55024, 54041, 54042, 54050, and 58620;
Military and Veterans Code Section 824

Tuition and Fees for Military Personnel and Dependents

Active duty military personnel and their dependents, military veterans and their dependents are subject to the same criteria and regulations regarding the establishment of California residency as other non-resident students. The information provided herein refers to the assignment of California residency based on active-duty or discharged veteran status solely for the purposes of determining the tuition and fees for eligible service members, former service members and their dependents.

A student who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty is entitled to resident classification only for the purpose of determining the amount of tuition and fees.

If that member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is in attendance at an institution is thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside this state where the member continues to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, he or she shall not lose his or her resident classification so long as he or she remains continuously enrolled at that institution.

A student who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty is entitled to resident classification only for the purpose of determining the amount of tuition and fees.

If that member of the Armed Forces of the United States, whose dependent natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse is in attendance at an institution, (1) is thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside this state where the member continues to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, or (2) is thereafter retired as an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the student dependent shall not lose his or her resident classification so long as he or she remains continuously enrolled at that institution.

Military Veteran Exception:

A community college student who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition for up to one year if he or she files an affidavit with the community college stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

The one year exemption provided in paragraph (1) shall be used while the student lives in this state and within two years of being discharged.

A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge shall not be eligible for an exemption pursuant to this section.

A student claiming the residence classifications provided for in this procedure must provide a statement from the student's commanding officer or personnel officer providing evidence of active duty assignment to California and the date of the assignment to California. ~~and that the assignment to active duty in California is not for educational purposes.~~ A student claiming the residence classifications provided for here for the dependent of military personnel shall provide a statement from the military person's commanding officer or personnel officer that the military person's active duty station assignment is in California ~~on active duty~~ as of the residence determination date, or has been transferred outside of California on active duty after the residence determination date, or that the military person has retired from active duty after the residence determination date. (Title 5 Sections 54041; 54042)

Note that the residency status conferred under this section does not entitle students to the full benefits of classification as a California resident. Students will need to petition for reclassification to California resident status as soon as they are eligible to do so.

~~Withdrawal Policies for Members of the Military~~ Military Withdrawal Based on Orders

Military withdrawal occurs when students who are members of an active or reserve United States military service receive orders compelling withdrawal from classes. Upon verification of orders, the appropriate withdrawal symbol may be assigned at any time after the period established by the governing board during which no notation is made on the permanent academic record for withdrawals.

Students requesting military withdrawal must present a petition for withdrawal and a copy of the military orders, ~~or other acceptable documentation,~~ which ~~verifies~~ verify the dates and location of military assignment that compelled or compels withdrawal from classes. Other types of verifying documentation may be considered only if orders are unavailable providing they verify the dates and location of military assignment that compelled or compels withdrawal from classes. Military withdrawal may be requested at any time upon the student's return to college.

A grade of MW shall be recorded on the permanent academic record upon approval of petition for military withdrawal that occurs after the third week of full-semester length classes or 16% of total meetings of short-term classes. MW grades shall not be counted as one of the three enrollment attempts allowed to achieve a standard (passing) grade of C/P or better (course repetition), or in the calculation of a student's academic progress for the determination of academic standing.

The student will be eligible to receive a full refund for all fees paid in the term for which the military withdrawal was granted. The cost of books and supplies may be eligible for refund pursuant to the policies and procedures of the campus bookstore.

Credit for Military Educational Training

The colleges of the Ventura County Community College District will recognize and grant credit to service personnel for formal educational training completed in the United States armed forces provided such credit is not a duplication of work taken previously.

Service personnel may be allowed credit for formal service school courses offered by the United States military service recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the armed services of the American Council on Education. The credit allowed will be based upon the recommendations specified in the Guide.

Students must submit an official transcript of military education to the Registrar's Office for evaluation of military credit. ~~The maximum amount of credit which may be allowed toward satisfaction of college requirements shall be 12 units.~~ All military credit will be posted to the student's transcript as units earned.

Priority Registration for Military Veterans

Military veterans will be accorded level one priority registration in compliance with state and federal law.

Veterans' Administration Education Assistance Programs

The colleges of the Ventura County Community College District are approved to process claims for students who are eligible to receive educational benefits under various Veterans' Administration Education Assistance Programs.