



California Residency Requirements

Residence (EC 68017, 68062; T5 54020)

Physical Presence (EC 68017, 68070; T5 54022)

- A person must be living in California for reasons other than educational purposes in order to establish residency, REGARDLESS of how long they have lived here.
- Proof you have lived in California for at least one year and a day or (366 days) prior to the opening day of the semester. Burden of proof is on the student to provide verification of physical presence and the intent to make California their home of residence.

Evidence of Intent (EC 68041; T5 54024)

- Residency determination begins with the date of first demonstrated INTENT – not necessarily the first day of physical presence in California (see below).
- A combination of at least two of the items listed below is required to prove intent (documents presented without a California ID may require additional documentation). Preferred documentation combination is California ID and official lease agreement.

1. **OBTAINING A VALID CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD**
2. **PROOF OF RENTING OR LEASING A RESIDENCE FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN CALIFORNIA**
3. **PURCHASE OF A HOME**
4. **REGISTERING TO VOTE AND VOTING IN CALIFORNIA (verified by county clerk)**
5. **PURCHASE OF CALIFORNIA MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE**
6. **FILING CALIFORNIA STATE TAX RETURNS AS WELL AS FEDERAL RETURNS WITH A CALIFORNIA ADDRESS**
7. **HAVING A CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN A CALIFORNIA BANK**
8. **HAVING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE AS A CALIFORNIA RESIDENT**
9. **PETITIONING FOR A DIVORCE IN CALIFORNIA**
10. **MEMBERSHIP IN A LOCAL SERVICE OR SOCIAL CLUB**

- If a student is under the age of 19 and parents DO NOT live in California, they must prove that they are self-supporting to establish residency in California.
 - Must prove they are not claimed on parent's tax returns
 - Must show proof of income
- Students may be asked to verify immigration status (Permanent residence visa, green card, application for permanent residence, employment authorization, passport or I-94 refugee visa).
 - **NOTE: Immigration status must meet the appropriate residency determination date according to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 54002 as well as Title 5 Section 54045(c).*
- An undocumented person cannot be considered a resident of California
- Military personnel and their dependent stationed in California are considered residents. Military personnel stationed in California for more than a year prior to being discharged may register as California residents.
- AB540: California Non-Resident Tuition Exemption – students other than Non-Immigrant aliens, who meet all requirements for eligible California high school graduates and have attended a high school in California for three or more years, shall be exempt from paying non-resident tuition. Students must file an exemption request including a signed affidavit that indicates the student meets all applicable requirements. Contact the Admissions Office for requirement information.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact your local Admissions and Records office.

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