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A student's Arizona state residency status with the college will determine how tuition and fees are assessed. The following information explains and defines who qualifies for resident status.

Every student is assumed to be only eligible for out-of-state tuition until Mohave Community College receives proof to the contrary. To receive In-state or WUE tuition Mohave Community College verifies that a student is a citizen of the United States or has lawful immigration status. If a student does not have lawful immigration status, the student is charged out of state tuition at Mohave Community College.

Mohave Community College also verifies that a student has been a resident of Arizona for at least 12 continuous months prior to the first day of the semester or that the student meets the criteria of an exception provided in Arizona State Statute [ARS 15-1802]. When both conditions are met, citizenship/lawful presence and a minimum of a 12 month residency, a student is given in-state tuition.

Seasonal Students/Winter visitors who have not established Arizona as their permanent domicile, even though they may be here for more than a year, are still considered out-of-state or WUE.

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In-state Student Status [ARS 15-1802]

A. Except as otherwise provided in ARS 15-1802, no person having a domicile elsewhere than in this state (AZ) is eligible for classification as an in-state student for tuition purposes.

B. A person is not entitled to classification as an in-state student until the person is domiciled in this state for one year, except that a person whose domicile is in this state is entitled to classification as an in-state student if the person meets one of the following requirements:

1. The domicile of the person's parent is in this state and the parent is entitled to claim the person as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes.

2. The person is an employee of an employer that transferred the person to this state for employment purposes or the person is the spouse of such an employee.

3. The person is an employee of a school district in this state and is under contract to teach on a full-time basis or is employed as a full-time noncertified classroom aide at a school within that school district. For the purposes of this paragraph, the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student only for courses necessary to complete the requirements for certification by the state board of education to teach in a school district in this state. No member of the person's family is eligible for classification as an in-state student if the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this paragraph, unless the family member is otherwise eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section.

4. The person's spouse has established domicile in this state for at least one year, has demonstrated intent and financial independence and is entitled to claim the student as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes or the person's spouse was temporarily out of state for educational purposes, but maintained a domicile in this state. If the person is a noncitizen, the person must be in an eligible visa status pursuant to federal law to classify as an in-state student for tuition purposes.

C. The domicile of an un-emancipated person is that of the person's parent.

D. Any un-emancipated person who remains in this state when the person's parent, who had been domiciled in this state, removes from this state is entitled to classification as an in-state student until attainment of the degree for which the person is currently enrolled, as long as the person maintains continuous attendance.

E. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders or who is the spouse or a dependent child as defined in section 43-1001 of a person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

A spouse or a dependent child does not lose in-state student classification under this subsection if the spouse or dependent child qualifies for in-state tuition classification at the time the spouse or dependent child is accepted for admission to a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents. The student, while in continuous attendance toward the degree for which currently enrolled, does not lose in-state student classification.

F. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States or the spouse or a dependent as defined in section 43-1001 of a member of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to classification as an in-state student if the member of the armed forces has claimed this state as the person's state of legal residence for at least twelve consecutive months before the member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board. For the purposes of this subsection, the requirement that a person be domiciled in this state for one year before enrollment to qualify for in-state student classification does not apply.

G. A person holding an honorable discharge from the uniformed services of the United States from either active duty or reserve or national guard status, or who has retired from active duty or reserve or national guard status, shall be granted immediate classification as an in-state student and, while continuously enrolled, does not lose in-state student classification if the person has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of Arizona that, for the purposes of this section, includes at least one of the following:

1. Registration to vote in this state.
2. An Arizona driver license.
3. Arizona motor vehicle registration.
4. Employment history in Arizona.
5. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
6. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
7. Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile or residency status.

H. A person who meets any of the requirements prescribed in subsection K of this section shall be granted immediate classification as an in-state student and does not lose in-state student classification if the person has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of this state that, for the purposes of this section, includes at least one of the following:

1. Registration to vote in this state.
2. An Arizona driver license.
3. Arizona motor vehicle registration.
4. Employment history in Arizona.
5. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
6. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
7. Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile or residency status.

I. A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the United States department of the interior whose reservation land lies in this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

J. A person who has participated in the AmeriCorps program or the volunteers in service to America program for at least one year in this state is entitled to classification as an in-state student.

K. A person who meets any of the following requirements is entitled to immediate classification as an in-state student if that person has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of this state as prescribed in subsection H of this section:

1. The person is a veteran as defined in title 38 of the United States Code who, while using educational assistance under 38 United States Code chapter 30 or 33, enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board within three years after the veteran's discharge from active duty service of ninety or more days or who remains continuously enrolled beyond the three-year period following the discharge of the veteran.

2. The person does not meet the requirements prescribed in paragraph 3 or 4 of this subsection and, while using educational assistance under 38 United States Code chapter 30 or 33, enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board within three years after the veteran's discharge from active duty service of ninety or more days or remains continuously enrolled beyond the three-year period following the discharge of the veteran.

3. The person, while using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship prescribed in 38 United States Code section 3311(b)(9), enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board.

4. The person, while using transferred Post/911 G.I. Bill benefits pursuant to 38 United States Code section 3319 during a time in which the transferor is a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty, enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents or a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college district governing board.

5. The person is otherwise described in 38 United States Code section 3679(c).

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Western Undergraduate Exchange

Mohave Community College participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE), a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Residents of eligible states (currently Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) will be charged significantly reduced WUE tuition.

Note: Mohave Community College excludes some Allied Health programs from WUE provisions. See MCC Catalog and Student Handbook for current eligibility.

Full-time enrollment under WUE status does not count toward establishing Arizona residency for tuition purposes. Students must be enrolled in three-quarter time or less to be eligible for a tuition rate change (11 credit hours or less). Students enrolled full-time can only qualify for a tuition rate change once they enroll in 11 credits or less for one full year. Eligible students will be automatically given WUE status.

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Determination of Location for State Authorization

Mohave Community College is required by federal regulations to determine a student's location prior to enrollment in online courses and in an academic program that leads to professional licensure. The determination for location is made based on the verified state address provided by the student to the college at the time of admission/readmission. Along with the initial application, any changes to verified state address should be submitted to the college by completing a student information update form, available on the student portal.

For determination of student location where conflicting information may be present (i.e. discrepancies on location provided on admission vs. FAFSA) the college will review all student address submissions within the current academic year to identify the most recently provided address provided by the student and that state will be identified as the current location for state authorization notifications.

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