



Residency Reclassification Petition Instructions

California Residency Requirements

Residency classification is determined for each student at the time of admissions and whenever a student has not been in attendance for more than one semester (Title 5 §54010). Under California State Education Code regulations that govern the California Community Colleges, classification as a California resident requires that a person be physically present in this state for two years prior to the beginning of the term for which a student is applying. American citizens or permanent residents of the USA who have not resided in California for more than the required period immediately preceding the residence determination date will be subject to the non-resident tuition fee as set forth by the college prior to the start of each academic year.

One year of physical presence may be acceptable if a student's documentation shows evidence that they hold an eligible immigration status or are a US citizen, proves physical presence in California and intent to make California the permanent home. (Title 5 § 54045, § 54020, § 54022, 54032)

How to Petition for California Residency

According to Board Policy, a nonresident student must file a Residency Reclassification Petition before the start of the semester for which reclassification is to be effective. *AP 5015 Residence Determination Reference: Education Code Sections 68000; Title 5, Sections 54000*

If a student's present stay in California began less than two years before the beginning of the semester for which a student wishes to attend, is classified as a non-resident, and would like reconsideration of their classification then a student is required to submit a Residency Reclassification petition and submit supporting documentation. To establish California residency for tuition purposes, you must file a Residency reclassification petition and must:

1. Have U.S. citizenship or hold legal immigration status that is eligible to gain California residency.
2. Have one year's physical residence in the state of California and show evidence of intent to remain in California. This means a student's physical presence and documents must be dated before the residency determination date of the term a student wishes to attend (indicated below):
 - ❖ For Spring 2026 Semester documentation must be dated on or before January 8, 2025
 - ❖ For Summer 2025 Session documentation must be dated on or before May 26, 2024.
 - ❖ For Fall 2025 Semester documentation must be dated on or before August 14, 2024.
3. Show proof that your primary source of financial support is derived from the state of California. For students between the ages of 18-24 years old who are seeking reclassification from nonresident to resident status, they must demonstrate evidence of financial independence from their nonresident parent or legal guardian.

A student must establish his/her own residency. A student's residency cannot be derived from their spouse or partner.

MINORS: Students under 19 years of age and unmarried derive California residency from their parents. The minor student must meet the eligibility requirements and parents must provide required documentation demonstrating physical presence in California, intent to make California their permanent residence prior to the start of the term and also that the student is a financial dependent.

Please see the following sections 1-3 for specific requirement details and examples of acceptable types of documentation that should be submitted with the Residency Reclassification petition.

1. Eligibility Requirement

A student must first meet the eligibility requirements and be physically present in California for at least one year before the beginning of the term for which they are petitioning. A student must hold an eligible immigration status for at least one year prior to the opening day of the term for which you are petitioning. Documentation may be requested from this section if a student's status is held less than one year or if applicable to clarify a student's status.

Persons eligible to establish California residency are:

- U.S. Citizens
- Permanent Residents (Documentation required)
- Holders of Visas Types: A-1, A-2, A-3, E-1, E-2, G-1, G-2, H-1, H-4*, I, K, L-1, L-2, O-1, O-3, SIV, R, T, U (Documentation required) *H-4 Visa Holders: Please also provide copy of H1 or H1-B visa from who you derive your H-4 visa
- Asylees or Refugees (Documentation required)
- Undocumented or Holders of Visa Types that prohibit establishment of residency who have filed a change of status (Documentation required). Change of status includes:
 - Applying for Permanent Residency
 - Applying for Legalization pursuant to Immigration Reform and Control Act
 - Applying for a change of status to a visa which permits establishing domicile (These visa applications must be granted.) Visas include: A, E, G, H-1, H-4*, I, K, L, O-1, O-3, SIV or R
 - Applying for Asylum
 - Applying for Family Unity Program
 - Applying for Temporary Protected Status
 - Approved for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

2. Physical Presence & Intent to Reside

A minimum of two documents from this section are required to verify both the intent to reside in California and a student's continuous physical presence in California for one year. Documents submitted must include the name of the student and be dated prior to the residency determination date of the semester for which they are petitioning (see Residency Determination Dates). Upon review of documents submitted, additional documentation may be requested to assist a student's reclassification. ***Documents which may be used to support your physical presence and intent to reside are:***

- Valid California Motor Vehicle Registration in student's name.
- Valid California Driver's License or California Identification Card in student's name.
- Voter's Registration in California in student's name.
- Rental or Leasing Agreement or Mortgage in California in student's name.
- Bank statements in student's name from an active bank account in California; must provide statements dated prior to the determination date of residency & current statement to verify the account is still active.
- Military records in student's name showing California as the home of record (i.e. Copy of Stationing Orders, LES, DD214 and Military ID)
- Licensure from California for professional practice in student's name.
- Membership in service or social club, place of worship in California in student's name.
- Petition for a divorce in California in student's name.
- Out of State institution (College or University) non-resident tuition receipts in student's name showing California as permanent home address or letter on school letter head confirming permanent home address while attending institution.
- Utility bills in student's (i.e. electricity/gas & power, water services, cable television). Student must provide a statement dated prior to the determination date of residency and current statement to verify the account is still active. **Please Note: *Wireless phone billing statements and credit card statements will not be accepted.***

3. Source of Income/Financial Dependence

Submission of one (1) document from this section is required to verify a student's source of income. Documents submitted must include the name of the student and be dated prior to the residency determination date of the semester for which you are petitioning (*see Residency Determination Dates*). ***Documents which may be used to show your source of income or financial dependence are:***

- California State income tax return filed as a resident (Form 540) and W-2 forms for ALL income reported *OR* employment pay stubs dated prior to the determination date of residency and most current. Pay stubs must reflect the student's employment. If you are between the ages of 18 and 24 years old you will need to submit a copy of your parent(s) California state income tax return along with your own state income tax return if you filed. Your parent's California state income tax return should show they have filed as a resident (Form 540) and indicates that the student was claimed as a dependent in the state of California.
- Notice of Actions from the California Health and Human Services Agency (i.e. Medi-Cal), State of California Social Services Notifications (i.e. CalFresh (Food Stamps), Cash Aid, Passport to Services Benefits Summary or receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Documentation of rehabilitation, California unemployment Insurance, or other California state services in student's name.
- Leave and Earning statements (LES) showing California claimed for tax purposes for military personnel.

Frequently Asked Questions

I'm still not sure what documentation to submit with my Residency Reclassification petition. Is there a way I can find out before I turn in my petition?

Yes, submit your request for an "unofficial" review of your residency or your questions with the following information to residency@deltacollege.edu:

1. Name
2. Delta ID Number
3. Reason you believe the Non Resident classification is incorrect

You will receive an email response within five (5-10) working days. Although no change to your residency classification will be made based on an "unofficial" review, an "unofficial" review often speeds the reclassification process because you know what documentation to submit when you request a residency reclassification through the formal process.

How do I submit my Residency Reclassification Petition?

Please submit your completed Residency Reclassification Petition and copies of your supporting documentation one of the following ways:

- By Email: Scan your Residency Reclassification Petition and supporting documentation into pdf format (pictures will not be accepted), attach and send by email to residency@deltacollege.edu.
- By Mail: San Joaquin Delta College Attention: Residency, Admissions and Records Department, 5151 Pacific Avenue, Box 102, Stockton, CA 95207
- In Person: Admissions and Records window located in Delta Connect Center, DeRicco Building 1st floor.

Does the Residency Reclassification Petition have a submission deadline?

Yes. We strongly encourage you to file your petition before the term begins, however, Residency Reclassification Petitions may be filed through the *third week* of the current semester to request a review of your residency status.

TERM	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Spring 2026 Semester	January 30, 2026
Summer 2025 Session	June 16, 2025
Fall 2025 Semester	September 8, 2025

How long will my residency reclassification review take?

The Admissions and Records Office has 14 calendar days after receipt of your Residency Reclassification Petition to respond to your request. All responses will be sent to your assigned Delta College student email account. You are advised to check your student email account daily for updates after you have submitted your petition.

Remember, it is your responsibility to check and respond to your student email account in a timely manner. A response will not be sent to your personal email account or by phone.

Can my parents or spouse call or come in and discuss my residency with the Admissions & Records office?

Your privacy is automatically protected by The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). The purpose of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is to protect the privacy of information concerning individual students by placing certain restrictions on the disclosure of information contained in a student's academic records. This includes students under the age of 18 years old. So we will not release your student information to other persons without your consent. If you would like to authorize release of your information to specific individuals or agencies (i.e. parents, grandparents, or spouse) you may do so by completing an *Authorization to Release Information* form which is available on the college website and include it with your Residency Reclassification Petition submission.

What if my Residency Reclassification Petition is denied?

If your Residency Reclassification Petition is denied you may appeal the decision within 30 calendar days from receipt of the denial email notification and provide additional documentation.

When do I need to pay my registration fees?

Fees are due at the time of registration. If you owe a total of \$500.00 or more in registration fees for the current or past semester(s), a hold will be placed on your record preventing future registration. *** IMPORTANT*** Once courses begin you are liable for payment of fees for all courses for which you remain enrolled whether or not you attend the course. To avoid fee charges, courses must be dropped before the refund deadline date (See the Registration Calendar online www.deltacollege.edu). Overdue fees will be subject to delinquent notification of debt and possible reporting to collections through the College's Administrative Services Office.

Residency Reclassification Petition

To be completed by student:

Reclassification requested term: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer Year:

Delta Student ID:

Last Name First Name Middle

Physical Address City State Zip

Student Email Date of Birth Age

1. What is your legal status within the U.S.?

U.S. Citizen

Permanent Resident A#

Issue Date

Exp Date

Asylee/Refugee

Other Visa Type: _____

None of the above

Have you applied for a change of status? Yes No

If you indicated "YES", please submit a copy of your Notice of Action from the USCIS Administration.

Documentation of your status is required if any category under the "Eligibility Requirements" is met.

Please refer to page 2 under "Eligibility Requirements" of the information sheet.

2. Will you be 19 years of age or older by the first day of the term? Yes (Answer questions 3 through 9 below.) No

If NO, indicate below with whom you currently live with and then answer questions 3-9 as they pertain to your natural/adopted parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian:

Full Name(s)

Current Address

Indicate relationship to you: ☐ Both Parents ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Legal Guardian ☐ *Other person

***If you indicated "Other" person, please indicate where your natural/adopted parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian currently live:**

Full Name(s) of your natural/adopted parent(s) or court appointed legal guardian _____

Address _____

City

State

3. Please indicate the beginning date of your present stay in California		Date:
4. What state do you regard as your permanent home?	State:	
5. What date did you begin living at your current address?		
If you have lived at your current address for less than two years, please list prior addresses below:		
Physical Address/City/State	Start Date	End Date
Physical Address/City/State	Start Date	End Date
6. Have you registered to vote in another state other than California? Yes No	If yes, which state Year	
7. Have you petitioned for a divorce in another state other than California? Yes No	If yes, which state Year	
8. Have you attended an out of state institution as a resident of that state? Yes No If yes, please indicate name of institution, state and year(s) attended _____		
9. List the state and year in which your last two STATE income tax returns were filed.		State Year State Year

IF YOU ARE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OR DEPENDENT OF ACTIVE DUTY: Complete this section

<p>Please answer question 10 a-c</p> <p>10(a). Please check the box that applies to you:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I am an active duty member of the military with current orders showing that I am stationed in California.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I am a dependent of an <i>active duty</i> military person and claimed as an exemption for federal and state income tax purposes by my sponsor.</p>	<p>Please indicate the following:</p> <p>(b). "Home of record" state at time of entry State: _____ <i>(Please attach a copy of stationing orders, military ID and a copy of last year's tax return)</i></p> <p>(c). What state is listed as your legal home on last year's Federal 1040 income tax form? State: _____</p>
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IF YOU ARE A VETERAN OR A VETERAN DEPENDENT: Complete this section

<p>Please answer question 11 a & b</p> <p>11(a). Check the box that applies to you: Veteran Spouse Child</p> <p>Veteran's discharge date on DD214 : _____</p> <p>Indicate last duty station and state separated from: Station: _____ State: _____</p> <p>Indicate what state released to on military records? State: _____ <i>(Mailing address after separation 19a on DD214) Please attach a copy of DD214 form</i></p>	<p>(b). If you are currently eligible to use one of the following educational benefits please indicate the which one:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapters 30 or 33) Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty John David Fry Scholarship</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I am NOT eligible for any of the above educational benefits.</p>
<p>12. I intend to establish residency in CA as soon as possible. Yes No</p>	

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE STATUS: All students must complete this section

California Education Code 68044 states that financial independence of a non-resident student seeking reclassification shall be included among the factors to be considered in the determination of residency. Please answer all of the following questions.

- Are you between the ages of 18-24 years of age? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If **YES**, you must attach both your parent's and your state income tax returns for the previous year.
If **NO**, you must submit your state tax returns for the previous year.
- Will your parent(s) claim you as a dependent exemption for state and federal tax purposes for the current or previous calendar years? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you received or will you receive more than \$750.00 in financial assistance from your parent(s) in the current or three previous calendar years? Yes ☐ No
- Have you lived or will you live for more than six weeks with your parent(s) during the current or previous three calendar years? Yes No

Failure to provide complete information may result in non-resident classification. Additional documentation may be requested if after review it is deemed necessary.

PLEASE CERTIFY BELOW:

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the statements and documents submitted by me are true and correct. I understand that falsification or withholding pertinent data shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action. I acknowledge that San Joaquin Delta College may request additional documentation if deemed necessary.

Student Signature _____ **Date:** _____

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Result: CA Resident _____ Non-Resident _____	Exemption Recommended _____	Date _____/_____/_____
Appeal: CA Resident _____ Non-Resident _____	Exemption Recommended _____	Date _____/_____/_____
<input type="checkbox"/> AB540 <input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty <input type="checkbox"/> Military Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> VACA <input type="checkbox"/> SIV	<input type="checkbox"/> Granted <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Date _____/_____/_____