



Petition for In-State Tuition Classification

Residency for tuition classification in the State of Colorado is governed by Colorado Revised Statutes §23-7.

Initially, the Admissions Office or the Graduate School classifies all new students as in-state or out-of-state residents for tuition purposes based on information provided on an admissions application. New students who feel their classification is incorrect should contact the Admissions Office (Undergraduate students) or the Graduate School (Graduate students) as soon as possible.

Continuing UNC students who feel they have met residency requirements 11/26/18 Dec 10, 2017 . Dec 10, 2018

Urtkpi"423;"	10/8/18	11/5/18	12/21/18	Jan 7, 2018 – Jan 7, 2019
Uwo ogt"423;"	2/11/19	3/11/19	4/29/19	May 13, 2018 – May 13, 2019
Hcm"423;"	5/20/19	6/24/19	8/12/19	Aug 26, 2018 – Aug 26, 2019
Kpvgtko"3;/42"	9/16/19	NA	12/2/19	Dec 16, 2018 – Dec 16, 2019
Urtkpi"4242"	10/14/19	11/11/19	12/30/19	Jan 13, 2019 – Jan 13, 2020
Uwo ogt"4242"	2/17/20	3/16/20	5/4/20	May 18, 2019 – May 18, 2020
Hcm"4242"	5/18/20	6/22/20	8/14/20	Aug 24, 2019 – Aug 24, 2020
Kpvgtko"42/43"	9/14/20	NA	11/30/20	Dec 14, 2019 – Dec 14, 2020
Urtkpi"4243"	10/12/20	11/09/20	12/28/20	Jan 11, 2020 – Jan 11, 2021
Uwo ogt"4243"	2/15/21	3/14/21	5/2/21	May 17, 2020 – May 17, 2021
Hcm"4243"	5/17/21	6/21/21	8/13/21	Aug 23, 2020 – Aug 23, 2021

***Priority Due Date:** We recommend that you submit your petition no later than 60 days before the semester begins if you anticipate receiving financial aid for the semester in which you are applying for residency. This will enable your financial aid to be processed correctly and credited to your account by the time the semester starts. In most cases, Financial Aid awards will change if your tuition classification changes. You should consult a counselor in the Financial Aid office to ensure your understanding of the adjustments and any new obligations you may have incurred because of receiving in-state status.

For additional information about the requirements for establishing in-state residency, please contact: Office of the Registrar (Carter Hall Room 3002)
 970-351-2231
 970-351-1870 (Fax)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who sets the rules and procedures for considering individuals as “in-state” students for tuition purposes?

The specific requirements for establishing residency for tuition classification purposes are prescribed by state law. No person may establish domicile in Colorado solely for the purpose of changing a student's classification for tuition purposes from out-of-state to in-state. An individual who seeks to establish domicile while a registered student is presumed to be seeking domicile solely for tuition purposes, which is an unlawful purpose, absent clear and convincing evidence to the contrary [Colorado Revised Statutes § 23-7-101-103(2)(e)].

Can I establish in-state classification with receiving the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) tuition classification?

Through acceptance of the special WUE tuition classification, students acknowledge their intent to maintain their legal domicile in their home state of residence at the time of application. If students desire to change their legal domicile to any other state, including Colorado, they must notify the Tuition Classification Officer in writing and surrender their WUE eligibility for one year prior to petitioning for in-state tuition, and pay the difference in tuition/fees

What documents are required to establish myself as an “in-state” student?

Establishing a new domicile requires physical presence in a place with the simultaneous intent to make that place one's permanent home. Tuition law lists several factors which can be used to determine that intent has been established (i.e. obtaining a driver's license, obtaining vehicle registration, registering to vote, payment of Colorado state income tax, etc.).

There is no one set of criteria that is applied to every individual. You are expected to take appropriate action on all factors relevant in your circumstances. You should comply with all legal obligations of being a Colorado resident.

How old must I be to establish domicile in Colorado?

According to tuition law, there are three possible situations:

1. Individuals at least 22 years of age are eligible to establish domicile in Colorado. Physical presence and intent must be established for 12 months prior to the first day of classes. Thus, an individual will meet the requirements of the law no sooner than one year.

