

Student Information

California Residence for Purposes of Tuition and Fees

Campus Residence Procedures

After you have been admitted to the University of California, a campus Residence Deputy or similarly designated person in the Office of the Registrar will determine whether you are a California resident for purposes of tuition and fees; that is, whether your tuition and fees will be charged at the California-resident rate or the nonresident rate.

This determination is independent of, and can differ from, similar determinations made by the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Information from either of those offices indicating that you are a resident, or that you are financially independent, does not necessarily mean you are a resident for purposes of tuition and fees.

Determining your residence for purposes of tuition and fees is based on information you provide to the campus Residence Deputy in your Statement of Legal Residence, which you **must** submit once you have accepted admission and when you submit your Statement of Intent to Register. In addition, the campus may request further evidence of residence, at which time you may decide to provide additional documents or information. You must provide clear and convincing evidence of California residence for purposes of tuition and fees. If you fail to submit information that has been requested, the Residence Deputy will make a decision based on the evidence and documentation available. No additional evidence is accepted once a decision has been made by the campus Residence Deputy. The same procedure is followed when you return to the campus after a leave of absence or transfer from another post-secondary institution. If you are a currently enrolled nonresident student and you wish to petition for a resident classification, the process can differ. Although the rules regarding residence for purposes of tuition and fees are the same throughout the UC system, each campus maintains its own administrative procedures. Please consult the campus you attend or propose to attend for further information.

Students do not have an automatic right to appeal a nonresident determination. The UC Residence Policy and Guidelines limits the grounds for which you can appeal. Please find appeal information by accessing the links below.

Residence Requirements

There are four requirements you must fulfill in order to qualify for the benefit of a resident classification at the University of California. All applicable requirements must be met by the residence determination date (generally the first day of classes) of the term for which you request a resident classification:

1. [Physical Presence](#)
2. [Intent to Remain in California](#)
3. [Financial Independence \(if under 24 and parent\(s\) are not California residents\)](#)
4. [Immigration Status: citizen, permanent resident or qualifying nonimmigrant](#)

Residence Information

The following information will help you determine whether you may be eligible for a resident classification:

- [10 Things Undergraduates Need to Know About UC Residence for Purposes of Tuition and Fees](#)
- [10 Things Graduate Students Need to Know About UC Residence for Purposes of Tuition and Fees](#)
- [UC Residence Policy and Guidelines](#)

Appeal Information

The following information will help you determine whether you may be eligible to appeal a nonresident decision:

- [Instructions to Appeal a Nonresident Determination](#)
- [Application to Appeal](#)