

# The Guide to Oregon Residence Classification

(A companion document for “Notice to Nonresidents of the State of Oregon”)

## Residence Classification Policy and Procedures

In Oregon, as in all other states, tuition at publicly supported four-year universities is higher for nonresident students than for resident students. The rules used in determining residency seek to ensure that only bona fide Oregon residents are assessed the resident fee. Those rules — Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 580, Division 10 - Board of Higher Education — appear in “Notice to Nonresidents of the State of Oregon.”

Only duly authorized residency officers have authority to apply and interpret these rules and procedures. No other indication or determination of residency by any other institutional office, department, program, or staff represents the official institutional determination of residency.

Here is a summary of a few key considerations in determining classification as a resident for tuition purposes.

- (1) Establishment of a domicile and predominant physical presence in Oregon for a period of 12 months or more prior to the beginning of the term for which residency is sought.
- (2) Financial dependence on an Oregon resident or financial independence.
- (3) Primary purpose for being in Oregon other than to obtain an education.
- (4) Nature and source of financial resources.
- (5) Various other indicia of residency (e.g., ownership of Oregon living quarters, permanent Oregon employment, payment of Oregon income taxes).

Note: These key considerations are for quick reference purposes only. For a complete explanation of these factors, refer to the rules in “Notice to Nonresidents of the State of Oregon” (the companion document to this Guide).

To be considered for classification as a resident, certain procedures and materials must be submitted to the institutional residency officer in a complete and timely manner.

- (1) Obtain and complete the Residence Information Affidavit, which is available from the institutional residency officer.
- (2) Consult with the residency officer on the provision of all the required supportive documents and materials.
- (3) Submit the affidavit and all other required materials and documents by the last day to register for the term in which resident status is sought.

## Residency Classification Appeals

Any person may appeal an institutional residency classification decision within ten (10) days of the date of mailing or other notification of the decision. The appeal to the OUS Interinstitutional Residency Committee (IRC) must be in writing and filed with the institutional residency officer.

The decision of the IRC may be appealed to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in writing within ten (10) days of notification of the IRC decision. The decision of the Vice Chancellor is final.

## Further Information

Persons interested in further information on or assistance with residency classification should contact the institutional residency officer at the institution where residency classification is sought.

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