

# Los Rios Community College District

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Students requesting reclassification of their residence status to California resident must complete the [residence reclassification application](#). State requirements to become a California resident are described in the California Education Code and California Code of Regulations (Title 5).

Under California law, to be reclassified from a non-resident to a California resident, a student must clearly demonstrate:

1. Physical presence in California,
2. Intent to reside in California permanently, and
3. Financial independence, if the student was classified as non-resident in a preceding term.

#### Eligibility

Physical presence in the State of California for one year does not automatically qualify a student as a California resident. To be eligible for California residence, you must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or hold a U.S. Immigration status that does not prevent establishment of residence. The following visa status holders CANNOT establish residence: B-1, B-2, C, D-1, D-2, F-1, F-2, H-2, H-3, J-1, J-2, M-1, M-2, O-2, P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4, Q and TN/TD.
2. Verify physical presence in California for one year and one day prior to the first day of instruction for the semester (the residence determination date).
3. Clearly verify intent to make California your permanent place of residence.
4. Establish financial independence from a non-resident parent or guardian.

NOTE: Students may also qualify for California residence under certain Exceptions to General Residence Regulations.

#### Establishing Residence

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

Students under 19 years of age and unmarried derive California residence from their parents. The parents must meet the eligibility requirements and provide required documentation demonstrating physical presence in California and intent to make California their permanent residence. Documents showing the relationship may be required. Students 19 years of age or older generally may not derive residence from a parent.

### Non Resident Tuition Exemptions

[AB 540, AB 2000, & SB 68 Non-Resident Tuition Exemptions](#)

Individuals who have met certain criteria based on previous education within the state of California may qualify for non-resident tuition exemptions provided under state law.

[AB 343 Non-Resident Tuition Exemption](#)

A student of the California Community Colleges who has a special immigrant visa that has been granted a status under Section 1244 of Public Law 110-181 or under Public Law 109-163, or is a refugee admitted to the United States under Section 1157 of Title 8 of the United States Code, and who, upon entering the United States, settled in California, shall be exempt from paying the nonresident tuition fee required by Section 76140 for the length of time he or she lives in this state up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident.