

202. Non-resident Tuition Policy

I. Non-resident Tuition Fee

- A. All students registering at The University of Alabama, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, or The University of Alabama in Huntsville who do not establish that they are “resident students” shall pay a “non-resident student” tuition, which shall be at least twice that of “resident student” tuition.
- B. Classification of students as “non-resident students” or “resident students” shall be made at the time of their initial registration and shall continue unchanged through all subsequent registrations at that institution until satisfactory evidence to the contrary is submitted at the time of any subsequent registration.

II. Definitions

A. Minor

An individual who, because of age, lacks the capacity to contract under Alabama law. Under current law, this means a single individual under nineteen (19) and a married individual under eighteen (18), but excludes an individual whose disabilities of non-age have been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for a reason other than establishing a legal residence in Alabama.

B. Dependent child

An individual who is a "qualifying child" as defined by the IRS.

C. Supporting person

Either or both of the parents of the student (if they are living together) or if they are divorced or living separate, then either the parent having legal custody or, if different, the parent providing the greater amount of financial support of the two. If both parents are deceased or if neither had legal custody, then supporting person shall mean, in the following order: legal custodian of the student, and, if none, the guardian, and, if none, the conservator.

D. Resident

One whose residence is in the State of Alabama. Residence means the single location at which a person resides with the intent of remaining there indefinitely as evidenced by more substantial connections with

that place than with any other place. Individuals carrying resident status under this policy shall certify under penalty for perjury that a specific address or location within the State of Alabama is their residence, that they intend to remain there indefinitely, and that they have more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than with any other state. Though certification of an address and an intent to remain in the state indefinitely are prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determination of that status shall be made by the institution through its evaluation of an individual's connections with the State of Alabama by considering the presence or absence of the following:

1. Payment of Alabama state income taxes as a resident
2. Ownership of a residence or other real property in the state and payment of state ad valorem taxes thereon
3. Full-time employment (not temporary) in the state
4. Residence in the state of a spouse, parents, or children
5. Previous periods of residency in the state continuing for (1) year or more
6. Voter registration and voting in the state, more significantly, continuing voter registration in the state that initially occurred at least one year prior to the initial registration of the student in Alabama at a public institution of higher education
7. Possession of state or local licenses to do business or practice a profession in the state
8. Ownership of personal property in the state and payment of state taxes thereon (e.g. automobile, boat, etc.) and possession of state license plates
9. Continuous physical presence in the state for a purpose other than attending school and except for temporary absences for travel, military service, temporary employment, etc.
10. Membership in religious, professional, business, civic, or social organizations in the state
11. Maintenance in the state of checking and savings accounts, safe deposit boxes or investment accounts
12. In-state address shown on selective service registration, driver's license, automobile title registration, hunting and fishing license, insurance policies, stock and bond registrations, last will and testament, annuities, or retirement plans
13. Location within the state of the high school from which the individual graduated

E. Resident Student

One who, at the time of registration:

1. Is not a “minor” or “dependent child,” and is a resident of the State of Alabama and has been a resident of the state for at least one year immediately preceding the date of registration; or
2. Is a “minor” or “dependent child,” and whose “supporting person(s)” is a resident of the State of Alabama and has been a resident of the state for at least one year immediately preceding the date of registration.

F. Non-Resident Student

One who, at the time of registration, is not a resident student.

III. Authority to Expand the Definition of “Resident Student”

The President of each campus may recommend to the Chancellor for consideration by the Board of Trustees that the term “resident student” may include any one or more of the following categories, at that campus:

A. One who, at the time of registration, is not a “minor” and:

1. Is a full-time employee (not temporary) of the institution at which the student is registering or is the spouse of such an employee;
2. Is able to verify full-time permanent employment within the state of Alabama and shall commence said employment not more than ninety (90) days after registration with the institution, or is the spouse of such an employee;
3. Is employed as a graduate assistant or fellow by the institution at which the student is registering;
4. Is a resident of any county within fifty (50) miles of the campus of the institution at which the student is registering, and had been a resident of that county for at least one year immediately preceding the date of registration. “Resident” shall have the same meaning, as to the relevant county, which it has as to the state of Alabama in the definition section of this policy statement; or

B. One who, at the time of registration, is a “minor” or “dependent child,” and whose “supporting person(s)”:

1. Is a full-time employee (not temporary) of the institution at which the student is registering;
2. Is able to verify full-time permanent employment within the state of Alabama and shall commence said employment not more than ninety (90) days after registration with the institution; or

3. Is a resident of any county within fifty (50) miles of the campus of the institution at which the student is registering, and has been a resident of that county for at least one year immediately preceding the date of registration. "Resident" shall have the same meaning, as to the relevant county, which it has as to the state of Alabama in the definitions' section of this policy statement.

IV. Rules for Veterans and United States Servicemembers

For purposes of admission and tuition and fees, all institutions in The University of Alabama System shall consider that the term "resident student" to include any of the following:

- A. One who, at the time of registration, satisfies one of the following:
 1. Military personnel on active duty, along with his/her spouse and dependent child(ren), who is either stationed in Alabama for reasons other than attending school, or stationed outside of the state and whose State of Residence on their Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) is Alabama;
 2. Has been a member of the Alabama National Guard for a period of at least two years immediately preceding the academic term in which the student qualifies for resident tuition, and continues to be a member of the Alabama National Guard while enrolled at an institution in The University of Alabama System; or
 3. Is an out-of-state active duty or veteran Servicemember who is a resident of any county within ninety (90) miles of the campus of the institution at which the student is registering.
 4. One who is a veteran Servicemember, provided that veteran is a resident of the State of Alabama, and satisfies at least one of the following conditions:
 - a. The veteran has served on active duty for a continuous period of time, not less than two years, and has received an honorable discharge as verified by a United States Department of Defense Form 214 within five years of enrolling in an Alabama public institution of higher education;
 - b. Is currently serving in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, as verified by a memorandum from his or her commanding officer; or
 - c. The veteran has been assigned a service-connected disability by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

- B. In addition to the foregoing, the Board authorizes the Chancellor, in consultation with the Presidents of each campus, to determine whether the term “resident student” should be expanded to include an eligible student who is receiving any one or more of the following educational benefits whose authorizing law requires such resident classification as a condition of receiving such benefits:
 - 1. Educational benefits provided for under the Post-9/11 GI-Bill or Montgomery GI-Bill programs, or other federal law authorizing veterans’ educational benefits, that are received by a veteran or the spouse and dependent(s) of an active or veteran Servicemember who is living in the State of Alabama while enrolled; and
 - 2. Supplemental Educational Assistance Benefits provided to any members of the Alabama National Guard, regardless of his/her state or residence, as provided for in §31-10-21.1 in the Code of Alabama.

- C. To be eligible for resident tuition as provided for in this Section IV., and to maintain such eligibility, the student shall:
 - 1. Have secured admission to and be enrolled full-time or part-time at an institution in The University of Alabama System; and
 - 2. Provide all required documentation to support status as an Alabama resident or presence in Alabama (as applicable), as well as status as an active or veteran Servicemember.
 - 3. Maintain full-time or part-time enrollment at an institution in The University of Alabama System; and
 - 4. Satisfy the admission and retention standards of both the institution in The University of Alabama System, and when applicable, meet and maintain all required eligibility requirements necessary to receive education benefits.

- D. A student who has previously met the requirements of this section shall continue to be classified as a resident student as long the qualifying student continues to reside in the State of Alabama while enrolled at an institution in The University of Alabama System. If an individual provided for in this Section is released or discharged dishonorably, such release shall be grounds for revocation of resident status.

- E. “Servicemember” means a member of the uniformed services as defined by federal law, which includes members the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard), and commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Public Health Service (PHS).

V. Authority to Implement Policy

- A. The Presidents are authorized (and authorized to delegate to admissions officers and others) and directed to implement this policy by appropriate written policies, guidelines, and procedures. Provided however, with respect to campus admission policies related to Section IV. of this Rule, the campuses shall coordinate with the System Office to ensure the development and application of consistent policies across the System.
- B. Such policy shall provide that classification as a “resident student” shall be based upon the required certificate and other written evidence to be filed in the admissions office and that any decision by an admissions officer may be appealed by the student to a review committee that shall be constituted, appointed, and operated as provided in such policy.
- C. The decision of the review committee may be appealed to the President, or his or her designee, whose action thereon shall be final.

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