4-201 Definitions for Residency Classification

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ARTICLE B. RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION FOR TUITION PURPOSES

For purposes of residency classification, unless the context otherwise provides or requires:

A. "Armed forces of the United States" means the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Services, the United States Space Force, and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Guard, and any military reserve unit of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

B. "Board" means the Arizona Board of Regents.

C. "Classification officer" means a university administrator authorized by the president to classify individuals for residency purposes.

D. "Continuous attendance" means enrollment at an educational institution in Arizona, including a public university, community college or high school, as a full-time student for an entire and uninterrupted academic year from the beginning of the period for which continuous attendance is claimed. An individual need not attend summer sessions or other intersessions beyond the traditional academic year in order to maintain continuous attendance.

E. "Domicile" or “Domiciled” means an individual’s true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where the individual lives, intends to remain, and to which the individual intends to return when leaving without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere.

F. "Emancipated individual" means an individual who is neither under a legal duty of service to their parent(s) nor entitled to the support of their parent(s).

G. “Financial Independence” means the individual is capable of paying for the individual’s living expenses (i.e., housing, utilities, transportation, insurance, groceries/food) and university tuition with funds earned by the individual or with funds that are the sole property of the individual, without receiving significant financial support from someone other than a spouse.

H. "Guardian" means a legal guardian.

I. "Last day of registration" means the final day of regular registration for credit for a semester as published by the university.

J. "Minor" means an individual under the age of 18.

K. “Objective Evidence” means documentation or information other than an individual’s own statement(s) of intent.

L. "Parent" means an individual's father or mother (including adoptive father or mother), or if one parent has custody, that parent, or the legal guardian of an unemancipated individual provided there is no evidence indicating that the guardianship was created primarily for the purpose of conferring the classification of resident on the individual.

M. "President" means the president of a university or the president’s designee.

N. "Review committee" means a committee at each university designated by the president to review residency classification determinations.

O. "State" or "this state" means the State of Arizona.

P. "Student" means any individual who has been admitted or is eligible to enroll in one or more classes.

Q. "University" means the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, or any other university governed by the Board.

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