

5000.1C Residency Classification

References: Wyo. Stat. § 21-18-202(iii); Wyoming Community College Commission Rules and Regulations.

For tuition assessment, students are classified as in-state, Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), or out-of-state. Classification is made upon first admission to the District, in accordance with statewide residency requirements established by the Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC).

Residents of a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) state and Nebraska are eligible for WUE tuition. Requirements for in-state tuition purposes are established for Wyoming community colleges by the WCCC. All others are considered out-of-state.

Students may apply for residency reclassification for the following term when facts indicate a change impacting residency has occurred. Supporting documentation is required. Applications for reclassification must be submitted on or before the first day of class. Reclassification will not be applied retroactively. Residing in Wyoming primarily as a student does not support a claim for resident status. The Residency Reclassification Application can be obtained through the Office of the Registrar.

Students who meet the following criteria are considered Wyoming residents. No single factor determines residency; however, individuals may qualify if they meet one of the following:

- A financial dependent or under the age of 24 with a parent, guardian, or spouse who lives in Wyoming.
- Graduated from a Wyoming high school.
- Earned a high school equivalency certificate in Wyoming *and* qualify for the Hathaway Scholarship.
- An active Wyoming National Guard member or U.S. Armed Forces member stationed in Wyoming, or the dependent of one.
- A Wyoming resident who was temporarily absent from the State due to military service, attendance at an educational institution, or another type of documented temporary absence.
- Awarded resident tuition status at another Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

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- The spouse or financial dependent of an individual who is determined to be a Wyoming resident pursuant to these guidelines.
- A legal dependent under the age of 24 of a Wyoming community college graduate.
- Having a permanent home in Wyoming, which may be evidenced by a variety of factors:
 - Evidence that any former out-of-state home has been abandoned
 - Evidence of full-time employment in Wyoming for a minimum of six continuous months prior to residency determination
 - Ownership of home or property in Wyoming
 - Six months of continual presence in Wyoming prior to residency determination
 - Former Wyoming residency and maintaining state ties
 - Reliance on Wyoming resources for full financial support
 - Wyoming vehicle registration dated a minimum of six months prior to residency determination
 - Wyoming address on most recent federal income tax return
 - A valid Wyoming driver's license dated a minimum of six months prior to residency determination
 - Wyoming voter registration
- A veteran or eligible individual, as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c)(2), providing the following documentation:
 - A certificate or other evidence of the veteran's or uniformed service member's qualifying service of 90 days or more in the uniformed services of the United States
 - Documented evidence at the time of enrollment that:
 - The applicant intends to live in Wyoming during the term of enrollment (e.g., lease agreement, utility bill)
 - The applicant is using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill Active-Duty Program), Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)), Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill), or Chapter 35 (Dependents' Educational Assistance) as described in 38 U.S.C.
 - The veteran was discharged or released from a qualifying period of service in the active military, naval, or air service before the

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date of enrollment (as shown on a DD214), or the uniformed service member is currently on active duty

- If the applicant is a spouse or child of the veteran, the applicant is a transferee pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3311(b)(9) or 3319 of the veteran's eligibility for educational benefits, or Section 3679(c), as amended and effective August 1, 2022

A person who qualifies for resident tuition under the above requirements shall remain qualified in subsequent years if the person continues to pursue one or more courses of education while remaining continuously enrolled (except during regularly scheduled breaks), resides in the state during the term of enrollment, and—if eligible through a transfer of benefits under 38 U.S.C. 3319—that transfer has not been validly revoked.

The following students are considered non-residents:

- Individuals who do not meet the criteria listed above.
- Individuals who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, unless they meet the requirements for Wyoming residency.

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