

Establish California Residency Reclassification

The following information is extracted from California Education Code sections 68000-68062 and California Code of Regulations, Title V, 54000-54072.

Residency reclassification is for returning students who have **not attended** Napa Valley College in the last **3 years** and for those students who are currently enrolled and have been attending for **a year paying non-resident tuition**. All other students should complete either the Statement of Legal Residence Form or the California Non-Resident Tuition Waiver AB540 (undocumented students).

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for California residency reclassification, you must be a United States (U.S.) citizen, have permanent resident status, or hold a valid VISA which entitles you to residency reclassification. (Students should check with Admissions and Records for valid VISA types.) You must also have lived in California, in one of these statuses, for one year and one day prior to the start of the term you seek residency reclassification.

Undocumented students who have attended three years of high school in California and graduated from a California high school, may be eligible for California residency status under AB540. A separate form is needed for this exemption.

Documentation

All documentation must show current intent and at least one year and one day of physical presence in the state of California for reclassification.

At least **two forms** of documentation are needed from the following list to determine residency reclassification:

- California State Income Tax return (with valid California address)/Federal Income Tax return (with valid California address) (preferred)
- California Drivers License or Identification Card
- California voter registration card dated at least a year prior
- Ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy in a rented or leased property in California (proof required)
- Recent high school transcript or other California college transcript showing enrollment
- Documentation of a student as a California resident having received rehabilitation, unemployment, welfare, or other state services.
- California vehicle registration
- Selective Service registration with California permanent address
- Active California bank account for one year prior to residence determination date

Military Personnel and Dependents

Military personnel stationed on active duty in California are exempt from non-resident tuition for the duration of their attendance at Napa Valley College as long as they remain in active duty status.

A student who has been discharged from the U.S. armed forces and was stationed in California on active duty for more than one year prior to discharge, shall receive California residency as long as they continue to live in the state and intend to make California their home. A copy of the DD214 is needed for consideration of residence reclassification.

Dependent students of active duty military members shall be entitled to California resident classification as long as the member of the U.S. armed forces is on active duty and stationed in California.

For further information on residency, please go to <http://www.napavalley.edu>, click on Admissions/Registration, Admissions and then Residency. You can also contact the office at (707) 253-3005.