*Residency Status Policy*

**Policy Information**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to determine a person’s resident status for admission and tuition purposes.

**Scope**

This policy applies to individuals applying for admission and for determination of Illinois resident status for tuition purposes.

**Background**

The University of Illinois System serves the people of Illinois through a shared commitment to excellence in teaching, research, public service, economic development and healthcare, and is assisted by funding derived from state of Illinois tax revenue.  As a state tax-assisted institution, it is the policy of the University of Illinois System through its three universities (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, and Springfield), to extend preference in admission and charge tuition at a resident rate to residents of the state of Illinois and other qualifying individuals, as defined in this policy and in accordance with rules established by the University of Illinois System. For purposes of this policy, the term “Illinois residents” includes individuals who meet the requirements to establish residency in the state or who qualify based on criteria other than residency, as set forth in this policy.

**Statement of Policy**

Illinois residents, as defined in this policy, shall be considered a resident for admissions purposes and charged tuition at a resident rate, in accordance with rules established by the University of Illinois System. An individual may be considered an Illinois resident for purposes of this policy if any of the following criteria are met, as defined in this policy and in accordance with rules, factors, and procedures established by the University of Illinois System: (i) residency based on Illinois domicile, (ii) certain attendance at an Illinois educational institution, (iii) certain service or policy considerations, or (iv) when otherwise required by applicable law. Distinct rules, factors, and procedures may be established by the University of Illinois System to effectively implement this policy and determine whether an individual is considered an Illinois resident for purposes of and consistent with this policy.

1. **Resident Status Based on Domicile**. A student may qualify as an Illinois resident due to residency based on bona fide domicile in Illinois. Domicile is the place where an individual has established their true, fixed, and permanent home for reasons other than educational objectives, with an intent to remain indefinitely. A person can only have one domicile at any time and must show evidence of an Illinois domicile that is sufficient to negate the existence of a domicile in another state or country. Domicile shall be determined based on distinct rules, factors, and procedures that may be established by the University of Illinois System. To qualify as an Illinois resident based on residency, domicile in Illinois generally must be established for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term for which residency sought, unless excepted by established rules.
2. **Resident Status based on School Attendance.** An individual shall be considered an Illinois resident for purposes of this policy and be charged tuition at a resident rate if the individual meets the requirements for attendance at an Illinois educational institution and other requirements as set forth in applicable law, including 110 ILCS 305/7e-5, subject to eligibility not being based on residence.
3. **Resident Status Based on Service or Policy Considerations**. To the extent consistent with applicable law and as defined by rules established by the University of Illinois System, an individual shall be considered an Illinois resident for purposes of this policy based on (i) certain military service or active military duty, (ii) certain staff appointments at the university, its allied agencies and state-assisted Illinois universities, (iii) certain nonresident teachers in elementary and secondary schools in Illinois, and (iv) certain minor children of a parent or legal guardian who has been transferred by an employer to a location outside the United States.
4. **Resident Status Based on Applicable Federal or State Law.** An individual shall be considered an Illinois resident for purposes of this policy and be charged tuition at a resident rate when required by applicable state or federal law.

**Establishment and Amendment of Rules, Factors, and Procedures**

The President, or designee, in consultation with the universities, may establish and amend rules, factors, and procedures to effectively implement this policy and determine whether an individual is considered an Illinois resident for purposes of this policy. The President, or designee, shall periodically report updates or amendments to the rules, factors, and procedures to the Board of Trustees.

**Disclaimer**

This policy is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the University of Illinois System, its three universities, trustees, officers, employees, or agents.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE POLICY ARE THE RULES, FACTORS AND PROCEDURES