

AR 5013 Students in the Military (NEW AR)

Residence Determinations for Military Personnel and Dependents

Students who are members Armed Forces of the United States may qualify for resident classification for enrollment/tuition fee purposes under the following military-related conditions:

- A student shall retain resident classification ~~in the event that they are~~ if transferred on military orders ~~to a place~~ outside of California or thereafter retires from active duty, so long as the student remains continuously enrolled.
- A student who is ~~a member of the Armed Forces of the United States~~ stationed in California is entitled to resident classification, except if assigned for educational purposes to a California state-supported institution.
- A ~~dependent~~ student who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse ~~who is a dependent~~ of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in California on active duty ~~and is in attendance at SMC, or has been admitted to SMC,~~ shall be entitled to resident classification. The student shall retain resident classification if the member of the military is transferred on military orders outside of California or thereafter retires from active duty, so long as the dependent student remains continuously enrolled.
~~Such student shall retain resident classification if the member is thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside of California or is thereafter retired as an active member of the United States, so long as the student remains continuously enrolled.~~
- A veteran who was discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service, commencing on or after July 1, 2015, and their dependents, regardless of the veteran's state of residence is entitled to resident classification.
- A student who is the child or spouse of a person who, on or after September 11, 2001, died in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces who resides in California is entitled to resident classification.
- A student who is entitled to transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill program benefits by virtue of their relationship to a member of the uniformed services who is serving on active duty is entitled to resident classification.
- A parent who is a federal civil service employee and their natural or adopted dependent children are entitled to resident classification if the parent has moved to California ~~due to as a result of a~~ military mission realignment ~~action that involves~~ involving the relocation of at least 100 employees. This classification shall continue until the student is entitled to be classified as a resident, so long as the student ~~remains continuously enrolled. continuously attends an institution of public higher education.~~

- A student claiming ~~theis~~ residence classifications ~~provided for in this regulation~~ must provide a statement from the student's commanding officer or personnel officer as evidence of the date of the assignment to California, and that the assignment to active duty in California is not for educational purposes.
- A student claiming the residence classifications provided for the dependent of military personnel shall provide a statement from the ~~military person's~~ commanding officer or personnel officer that the military person's duty station is in California on active duty as of the residency determination date, or
 - has been transferred outside of California on active duty after the residency determination date, or
 - ~~that~~ the military person has retired from active duty after the residency determination date. (Title 5 Sections 54041 and 54042)

Withdrawal Processes for Members of the Military

- A student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service and who receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses shall be permitted to withdraw upon verification of such orders; a military withdrawal symbol "MW" will be assigned. Military withdrawal shall not be counted in progress notice or progress dismissal calculations, or in calculating the permitted number of withdrawals.
- A military withdrawal shall not result in a student being assigned an "F" "W", "NP" or "FW" grade. The student is eligible for a full refund of the tuition, fees and **buyback of books?** for the affected term.

Also see AR 5015 Residency Determination, AR 5010 Admission Eligibility, AR 5075 Course Adds and Withdrawals from Courses and AR 5030 Fees

References:

Education Code Sections 68070-68086, 68074, 68075, 68075.5, and 68075.7;
 Title 5 Sections 54041, 54042, 54050, 55023, 55024, and 58620;
 Military and Veterans Code Section 824;
 38 U.S. Code Section 3679

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Exceptions to Residence Determination [68070 - 68086]

68074.

(a) A student who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty is entitled to resident classification only for the purpose of determining the amount of tuition and fees.

(b) If that member of the Armed Forces of the United States, whose dependent natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse is in attendance at, or has been admitted to, a public postsecondary institution, (1) is thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside this state where the member continues to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States, or (2) is thereafter retired as an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, the student dependent shall not lose his or her resident classification so long as he or she remains continuously enrolled at that institution.

68075.

(a) For purposes of this section, "Armed Forces of the United States" means the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, and the reserve components of each of those forces, the California National Guard, the California State Guard, and the California Naval Militia.

68075.7.

Notwithstanding any other law:

(a) Effective for academic terms beginning on or after August 1, 2021, a student enrolled at a campus of the California Community Colleges or the California State University who meets all of the following requirements shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition or any other fee that is exclusively applicable to nonresident students:

(1) The student resides in California.

(2) The student meets the definition of "covered individual," as that term is defined in Section 3679(c)(2) of Title 38 of the United States Code.

(3) The student is eligible for education benefits under the federal Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty program (Chapter 30 (commencing with Section 3001) of Title 38 of the United States Code), the Veterans Readiness and Employment program (Chapter 31 (commencing with Section 3100) of Title 38 of the United States Code), the Post-9/11 GI Bill program (Chapter 33 (commencing with Section 3301) of Title 38 of the United States Code), or the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program (Chapter 35 (commencing with Section 3500) of Title 38 of the United States Code), as each read on January 5, 2022.

(b) A student who qualifies for an exemption from paying nonresident tuition and other applicable fees under paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall be deemed to maintain "covered individual" status as long as the student remains continuously enrolled at a campus, even if the student enrolls in multiple programs, and the student shall continue to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition and other fees that exclusively apply to nonresident students. As used in this section, "continuously enrolled" means enrolled for at least the fall and spring semesters of an academic year, or for at least three of the quarters in an academic year for an institution using the quarter system.

(c) The attendance of a community college student who is exempt from paying nonresident tuition and other fees pursuant to this section may be reported by the community college district of attendance for apportionment purposes.

§ 54041. Military Dependent.

§ 54042. Member of Military.

§ 55023. Academic Record Symbols and Grade Point Average.

§ 55024. Withdrawals from Credit Courses.

§ 54050. Military Exceptions. Eligible for CA Fee Waiver Submission

§ 58620. Student Eligibility: California College Promise Grant.