



Administrative Regulation
Chapter 5 – Student Services

AR 5020 NONRESIDENT TUITION AND EXEMPTIONS

Nonresident Tuition

A student who has not resided in California for more than one year immediately preceding the residency determination date is classified as a nonresident in accordance with California Education Code §76140 and §76141. This classification applies to both domestic nonresidents and individuals holding a student visa.

The nonresident tuition fee is set no later than March 1st for the following academic year.

Nonresidents will be charged nonresident tuition at the Board-approved rate per unit.

In addition to nonresident enrollment fee per unit, students must pay the College enrollment fee per unit, upper division enrollment fee per unit, the capital outlay fee, and any other applicable student fees listed in AR 5030 Fees and Refunds.

For more information about fees for nonresident students, contact the Cashier's Office, Admissions and Records Office, or International Education Center. To find current deadline dates for paying all fees or for policies and process for receiving refunds, students should consult the College Policies section of the Schedule of Classes, the College Catalog or the Admissions and Records Fees webpage (smc.edu/fees).

Nonresident Capital Outlay Fee Exemption

Nonresident students are also charged a capital outlay fee unless they qualify for an exemption per BP 5020 Nonresident Tuition. Students may submit a Special Consideration Petition through the Admissions and Records webpage.

Students may be exempt from this fee if they can demonstrate either of the following:

- They are victims of persecution or discrimination in their country of citizenship and residence, or
- They are experiencing economic hardship,
or
- They have a parent/legal guardian who has been deported or departed voluntarily

Exemptions from Nonresident Tuition

For a list of residency exemptions and eligibility criteria refer to AR 5015 Residency Determination and AR 5013 Residency Determinations for Military Personnel and Dependents. The College catalog, class schedule and the Admissions and Records Residency webpage also lists a summary of the governing exemptions.

Reclassification of Nonresident Status

A student previously classified as a nonresident may petition for reclassification as of any residency determination date. Students have the responsibility to submit a residency reclassification

questionnaire with proper documentation through the Admissions and Records Residency webpage for review and decision on change of residency status per Education Code §76140 (a)(5). See AR 5015 Residency Determination and AR 5013 Residency Determination for Military Personnel and Dependents.

Refunds of Nonresident Tuition and Fees

Students should check their class schedule on their student portal (Corsair Connect) (smc.edu/cc) for refund deadlines. Refunds will be made in accordance with AR 5030 Fees and Refunds.

Also see AR 5010 Admission Eligibility, AR 5012 International Students, AR 5015 Residency Determination, AR 5013 Residency Determinations for Military Personnel and Dependents and [AR 5030 Fees](#) and Refunds

References:

Education Code Sections 68044, 68050-51, 68074, 68075, 68075.65, 68075.7, 68084, 68121, 68130, 68130.5 and 76140 et seq., and 76300 et seq.

Title 5 Sections 54040, 54045.5, 54060

38 U.S. Code §3679 and 8 U.S. Code §1101

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