



Board Policy
Chapter 5 – Student Services

BP 5020 NONRESIDENT TUITION

Nonresident students shall be charged nonresident tuition for all units enrolled, unless specifically required otherwise by law.

Not later than March 1 of each year, the Superintendent/President shall bring to the Board for approval an action to establish nonresident tuition for the following fiscal year. The fee will be calculated by a formula in accordance with state law and follow the guidelines of the California Community College Budget and Accounting Manual in determining the District's full expense of education.

The nonresident tuition fee thus established will be published in the College Catalog and Schedule of Classes.

International Students Fees

The Santa Monica Community College District shall establish an application fee for persons applying for admission to Santa Monica College as F-1 visa international students. The fee for such application shall be established by the District in accordance with Administrative Regulation-5012 International Students.

F-1 visa international students must pay non-resident tuition, which will be set by the Board of Trustees prior to March 1 of each year for the following academic year.

The Superintendent/President shall establish regulations regarding collection, waiver, and refunds of nonresident tuition.

The Superintendent/President is authorized to recommend that the Board of Trustees implement a capital outlay fee to be charged only to persons who are both citizens and residents of foreign countries. The Board of Trustees finds and declares that this fee does not exceed the amount expended by the District for capital outlay in the preceding year divided by the total FTES in the preceding fiscal year.

Students who would otherwise be charged this fee shall be exempt if they demonstrate that they are a victim of persecution or discrimination in the country of which they are a citizen and resident, or if they demonstrate economic hardship.

Students shall be deemed victims of persecution or discrimination if they present evidence that they are citizens and residents of a foreign country and that they have been admitted to the United States under federal regulations permitting such persons to remain in the United States. Students shall be deemed to have demonstrated economic hardship if they present evidence that they are citizens and residents of a foreign country and that they are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, Supplemental Income/State Supplementary benefits, or general assistance.

Students who would otherwise be charged this fee shall be exempt if they demonstrate that they have a parent who has been deported or was permitted to depart voluntarily, they moved abroad from California as a result of that deportation or voluntary departure, and they attended a public or private secondary school in the state for three or more years. Upon enrollment, students who qualify for this exemption must be in their first academic year as a matriculated student in California public higher education, live in California, and file an affidavit with the District stating that they intend to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

Also see BP/AR 5012 International Students, BP/AR 5015 Residence Determination, and BP/AR 5030 Fees.

References: Education Code Sections 68050, 68051, 68079, 68130, 68130.5, 76140, 76141, 76142, and 76143;
Title 5 Section 54045.5

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