



Policy

5020 Nonresident Tuition

Nonresident students shall be charged nonresident tuition for all units enrolled.

Not later than December 31 of each year, the Chancellor shall bring to the Board for approval an action to establish nonresident tuition for the following fiscal year. The fee shall be calculated in accordance with guidelines contained in applicable state regulations and/or the California Community College Attendance Accounting Manual.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures regarding collection, waiver, and refunds of nonresident tuition.

References:

Education Code Sections [68050](#), [68051](#), [68052](#), [68130](#), [76141](#), [68130.5](#); Title 5, Section [54045.5](#)

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Administrative Procedure

5020 Nonresident Tuition**I. Non-Resident Tuition:**

Students who are not residents of California for one year prior to the first day of the term will be charged Non-resident Tuition at the Board-approved rate per semester unit. Nonresident students must pay Non-resident Tuition in addition to the California Community College Enrollment Fees. A student who believes that he or she should be reclassified as a resident student has the responsibility to request a change of classification in the Admissions Office prior to registration and not later than the end of the 2nd week of the semester.

II. Military Resident Exemption: Non-resident U.S.

Military personnel on active duty in California (except those assigned for educational purposes to state-supported institutions of higher education) are granted a waiver of Nonresident Tuition until they are discharged from their military services. Their dependents are granted a waiver for a period of one year from the date they enter California. Upon expiration of the waiver, evidence must be provided as to the date the student surrendered his/her out-of-state residence to become a resident of California. The student will be classified as a nonresident and charged Nonresident Tuition until one year has elapsed since the out-of-state residence was surrendered.

III. High School Graduate Exemption (AB540):

Students without lawful immigration status who attended high school in California for three or more years and graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent are exempt from Non-resident Tuition. Students without lawful immigration status must file an affidavit stating that the student has filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will do so as soon as possible. Nonimmigrant alien students are not eligible for exemption.

VI. September 11, 2001 Exemption:

If an individual who was killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 was a resident of California on September 11, 2001, or if their dependent was a resident on that date and if they meet the financial need requirement for the Cal Grant A Program, the dependents of this individual may be exempt from non-resident tuition. If the dependent is a spouse, the exemption applies until January 1, 2013. If the dependent is a child, the exemption applies until the person reaches the age of 30.

V. Payment:

Tuition must be paid in full at the time of registration.

VI. Refunds:

The same refund guidelines apply as those for other registration fees.

References:

Education Code [76140 et seq.](#)

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