

Tuition Classification for Graduate Students



Office of Financial Aid

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- Website: <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/residency/>



Important Notes

- In-state Classification is a **state law** - not a Colorado State University policy.
- The **burden of proof rests upon the petitioner** in accordance with the Colorado Tuition Classification Statutes.
- You cannot establish domicile in Colorado solely for the purpose of changing your classification for tuition purposes from out-of-state to in-state.

Initial Classification

Your initial residency classification

- Determined by the Office of Admissions.

To change your residency classification

- Submit Petition for In-State Classification
 - Required to request a change in your tuition classification from non-resident to resident.

To petition

- You must be admitted to the University or if a current student be registered for at least one credit hour for the term you are requesting in-state classification.

Note: You will be assessed non-resident tuition and your status will remain non-resident until you have been granted in-state by Office of Financial Aid. Please make all financial decisions accordingly.

Who Is Eligible to Petition?

Eligible

- Most Graduate Students
- Permanent Residents
- Certain International Visas
- [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Students*](#)
 - *DVM tuition is classified differently than all other programs. Please visit our website.

Not Eligible

- Students with WICHE/WRGP tuition rate
- Students who receive education or program benefits as residents of another state
- Certain International Visas



Domicile

Legal term describing the place where a person has chosen to make their fixed and *permanent home*.

- Domicile includes:
 - Physical presence,
 - **And**
 - Evidence of intent
- Domicile must be established and then maintained for 12 continuous months on or prior to the first day of class.

Physical Presence

Permanent place of residence

12 continuous months

Remains when school is not in session

Reflects on all pertinent documentation

Proof of physical presence can be shown through:

- Lease
- Purchase of home
- Campus apartments



Evidence of Intent for 12 continuous months

- Employment and withholding of state taxes from wages
- Payment of Colorado state taxes as a resident, full year or part-year, not as a non-resident
- Obtaining Colorado vehicle registration
- Obtaining a CO Driver's License
- Registering to vote in Colorado
- Owning residential property
- Any other factors which are peculiar to the individual which tend to establish intent to make Colorado one's permanent home



Petition Process

- Make copies of all required documentation.
- Your petition must include all required documentation at the time of submission.
- Late or incomplete petitions will not be accepted or reviewed for that term.
- Completed petition **MUST** be received by the **DEADLINE DATE**.
 - Petition submission and deadline dates are on our website

Next Steps

- Complete the online Residency Orientation at financialaid.colostate.edu/residency-orientations/
- Schedule appointments for your driver's license and vehicle registration ASAP

Thank you



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