

Board of Trustees
Washtenaw Community College

ACTION

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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-4800

Subject
Approval of Revisions to Policy 2030, Residency Policy

Date
April 28, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve the proposed revisions to Policy 2030, Residency Policy.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN

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Title: Executive Vice President
Student and Academic Services

Recommended by: Rose B. Bellanca, Ed.D.
Rose B. Bellanca, President

Proposed Change to Policy 2030 – Residency

In 2013 residency policy was updated to allow students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status to establish residency status based on their place of residence – in-district, out-district, or out-state. Students with DACA status were treated the same as students with permanent resident alien (green card), asylum, or refugee status in the ability to establish a residency status. Students without one of these statuses who are not U.S. citizens have international residency status and pay the international tuition rate.

In September 2017 the Federal government stopped processing new DACA applications. DACA required individuals to have graduated from a U.S. high school, arrived in the United States prior to their 16th birthday, and lived continuously in the U.S. prior to application.

The proposed policy update allows individuals who attend an accredited Michigan high school for at least 3 years and either graduate from an accredited Michigan high school or complete a GED to be classified as in-district, out-district, or out-state residents for the assessment of tuition. The residency status of these individuals will be determined as if they are U.S. citizens, or have permanent resident alien (green card), asylum, or refugee status through the INS.

Non U.S. citizens who are present in the United States on a temporary or student visa shall not be eligible for classification as in-district, out-district, or out-state residents.

The proposed change is aligned with the residency rule changes that have been instituted at several colleges and universities in Michigan including the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University.

2030 Residency Policy

Policy Statement:

Students enrolling at Washtenaw Community College shall be classified in-district, out-district, out-state, or ~~out-country~~international at the time of enrollment.

Guidelines:

Classification of Residence

Applicants who are U.S. citizens or who have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee, or valid DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status through the Immigration and Naturalization Service or have established Michigan residence by attending Michigan schools (see below) will be classified as In-District, Out-District, or Out-State students:

In-District Students are

- Applicants who are legal residents in
- Applicants who live with and whose spouse is a legal resident in
- Applicants who live with and are dependent on a parent or a legal guardian who is a legal resident in the Washtenaw Community College District
- Immediately prior to the first day of the semester if previous residency was within Michigan
- 6 months immediately prior to the first day of the semester if previous residency was outside of Michigan

Out-District Students are

- applicants who do not meet the requirements of an in-district student, but who are and have been legal residents of the State of Michigan for at least six months.

Out-State Students are

- applicants who reside outside the state or who have not been legal residents of the state of Michigan for at least six months or applicants who do not sufficiently document their residence.

~~Out-Country~~International Students are

- applicants who are not U.S. citizens or do not have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee, or valid DACA status through the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Aspects of Residency

- A. The residency of a student will be based on the address of the student's legal residence.

B. The legal residency of a student will be established using methods recommended by the State of Michigan.

C. The residency of minors (under 18) shall follow that of their parents or legal guardian. Students under 18 may qualify as in-district residents regardless of their parent's residence if they can provide sufficient evidence they are independently supporting themselves and are legal residents in the Washtenaw Community College District.

D. A student who is not a U.S. citizen and does not have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee or valid DACA status who attended an accredited Michigan high school for at least three years and thereafter (a) graduated from an accredited Michigan high school or (b) received a Michigan General Education Development High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) may be classified as In-District, Out-District, or Out-State student.

D.E. _____ The residency of any person, other than a parent or legal guardian, who may furnish funds for payment of college fees, shall in no way affect the residency of the student.

E.F. _____ Those students who are transferred to the State by the military or have been discharged from the military within the last six months must present appropriate documentation to waive the six month Michigan residency requirement. WCC values our military veterans and service members. The six month in state residency requirement may be waived for an honorably discharged veteran student and any student currently serving in the military. Appropriate documentation is required for the student and dependent(s).

F.G. _____ Any individual using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill® — Active Duty Program), Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®), of title 38, United States Code, and/or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)) who lives in the State of Michigan while attending Washtenaw Community College (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) will be eligible for in-state tuition.

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Outcomes:

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