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## **RECENT CHANGES TO ABOR RESIDENCY POLICY FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF ARIZONA TRIBES**

Beginning with the spring semester of 2014, any student who is an enrolled member of one of Arizona's federally recognized tribes may be eligible to receive in-state tuition at ASU, NAU and UA.

1. What is the revised policy?
  - a. The revised policy says: "For purposes of residency classification, enrollment as a tribal member in a federally recognized Arizona tribe will be sufficient to establish residency for tuition purposes." (ABOR Policy 4-203 B. 8)
  - b. To be eligible for in-state tuition under this revision, a student must:
    - i. provide proof of being an enrolled tribal member, and
    - ii. the tribe must be one of Arizona's federally-recognized tribes, and
    - iii. the student must be a U.S. citizen, OR a lawful permanent resident of the U.S., OR have lawful immigration status in the U.S. (ABOR Policy 4-102)
  
2. When does the revised policy go into effect?
  - a. The policy is effective beginning with spring semester 2014.
  - b. The policy is NOT retroactive to previous semesters.
  - c. CONTINUING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED AS NON-RESIDENTS MUST CONTACT THE RESIDENCY OFFICE TO CHANGE THEIR RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION (This is also called a Petition to change Domicile Classification.).
    - i. Changes are not automatic
    - ii. Changes must be made by the university's deadline
    - iii. Information about deadlines is available at:

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1. ASU: <https://students.asu.edu/residency>
2. NAU: <http://nau.edu/Registrar/Forms-and-Policies/#Residency>
3. UA: <http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/residency/residency-forms>

3. Does the revised policy apply to ALL Native American students who meet the description in section 1 (undergraduate, graduate and professional students)?
  - a. Yes.
4. What federally recognized tribes of Arizona does the revised policy apply to?
  - a. Ak Chin Indian Community of the Maricopa (Ak Chin)
  - b. Cocopah Tribe of Arizona
  - c. Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation
  - d. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
  - e. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
  - f. Gila River Indian Community
  - g. Havasupai Tribe
  - h. Hopi Tribe
  - i. Hualapai Indian Tribe
  - j. Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
  - k. Navajo Nation
  - l. Pascua Yaqui Tribe
  - m. Pueblo of Zuni
  - n. Quechan Tribe
  - o. Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
  - p. San Carlos Apache Tribe
  - q. San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
  - r. Tohono O'odham Nation
  - s. Tonto Apache Tribe
  - t. White Mountain Apache Tribe
  - u. Yavapai-Apache Nation
  - v. Yavapai-Prescott Tribe
5. What process will ASU, NAU and UA use to verify that a student is a member of one of the federally recognized tribes of Arizona?

- a. If a student's domicile appears to be outside of Arizona, the university's residency officer will ask to see a form of tribal enrollment verification, including an original document (or copy) showing that the student is an enrolled member of one of the 22 Arizona Indian tribal governments. Students are responsible for producing this documentation by the university's stated deadline.
6. What other Arizona Board of Regents policies may provide residency to Native American students who are not eligible under this policy?
- a. Native American students who are not enrolled members of an Arizona tribe may qualify for residency under other ABOR policies.
  - b. Those policies are available at:  
<http://azregents.asu.edu/rrc/Policy%20Manual/4-203-Requirements%20for%20Resident%20Status.pdf>
  - c. For example, a student is eligible for in-state residency:
    - i. If the student can demonstrate continuous presence in Arizona for 12 months combined with objective evidence of intent to be a resident under ABOR policy, OR
    - ii. if the student is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the United States Department of Interior whose reservation land lies in this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation. (ABOR Policy 4-203 B. 8), OR
    - iii. if the person is domiciled within 75 miles of the Arizona border in Clark County, Nevada or Washington or Kane Counties, Utah, or in San Bernardino, Imperial, or Riverside Counties in California, including the cities of Needles, Blythe, El Centro, Brawley, and Winter Haven, and is enrolling in a total of no more than 6 credit hours per semester offered in Mohave, La Paz, or Yuma Counties, Arizona by Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, or the University of Arizona or the person is domiciled within 75 miles of the Arizona border in Grant, Hidalgo, or Luna Counties in New Mexico and is enrolling in a total of no more than 6 credit hours per semester offered in Cochise County, Arizona by Arizona

State University, Northern Arizona University, or the University of Arizona.

- d. To be eligible for in-state tuition under any ABOR policy, the student must be a U.S. citizen, OR a lawful permanent resident of the U.S., OR have lawful immigration status in the U.S. (ABOR Policy 4-102).