

500.15 Residency

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Procedure - Residency

Students should provide official documentation of residency before or at the time of registration but no later than the first day of classes, to determine whether they qualify for in-District, out-of-District, out-of-State, or international tuition rates. (International students cannot establish Illinois residence status.)

I. To qualify for Illinois residency, the student must fulfill one of the following two requirements:

- A. If under 18, document that at least one parent, stepparent, or appointed guardian is a legal resident of Illinois, or
- B. If 18 or older, document residency in Illinois, in a capacity other than as a student at a post-secondary institution, for at least 30 days prior to the beginning date of class unless evidence is presented that the student has permanently relocated.

Evidence of legal residency must be based on ownership and/or occupancy of a home in Illinois or a copy of one of the following:

- 1. An Illinois driver's license registration.
- 2. An Illinois automobile license registration.
- 3. An Illinois voter's registration card.
- 4. Employment in the State of Illinois.
- 5. Payment of Illinois income taxes.
- 6. A document pertaining to the student's past or existing status as an Illinois student (e.g., high school record).
- 7. Other non self-serving documentation providing verification of the student's address.
- 8. A statement by the student certifying his/her address and residency. The college shall verify the certification by sending correspondence to the address.
- 9. An affidavit signed by a staff member from the college who registered the student and personally evaluated one or more of the items listed in 1 through 8.

II. To qualify for in-District residency, the student, in addition to meeting conditions of A or B above, must be a resident of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District 529, which includes the following school districts:

Clay City Community Unit School District No. 10
Edwards County Community Unit District No. 1
Fairfield Community High School District No. 225
Flora Community Unit School District No. 35
Grayville Community Unit District No. 1
Hutsonville Community Unit School District No. 1
Lawrence County Community School Unit District No. 20
North Wayne Community Unit District No. 200
Oblong Community Unit School District No. 4
Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3
Red Hill Community Unit School District No. 10

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Richland County Community Unit School District No. 1
Robinson Community Unit School District No. 2
Wabash Community Unit District No. 348

Students who live within the following public school districts may or may not be residents of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District 529. Students from these districts should check their property tax statement to determine community college district residency.

Carmi-White County Community Unit District No. 5
Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1
North Clay Community Unit School District No. 25

Students shall be classified as residents of Illinois Eastern Community College District 529 without meeting the 30 day residency requirement of the district if they are currently residing in the district and are youth:

- ❖ who are currently under the legal guardianship of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services or have recently been emancipated from the Department, and
- ❖ who had previously met the 30 day residency requirement of the district but who had a placement change into a new community college district. The student, a caseworker or other personnel of DCFS, or the student's attorney or guardian ad litem appointed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 shall provide the district with proof of current in-district residency.

Students shall not be classified as residents of the District where attending, even though they may have met the general 30-day residency provision, if they are:

- ❖ Federal job corps workers stationed in the District;
- ❖ Members of the armed services stationed in the District;
- ❖ Inmates of state or federal correctional/ rehabilitation institutions located in the District;
- ❖ Full-time students attending a post-secondary educational institution in the District who have not demonstrated, through documentation, a verifiable interest in establishing permanent residency;
- ❖ Students attending under the provisions of a chargeback or contractual agreement with another community college.

III. Illinois Out-of-District: Any student who lives outside the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District but who is a resident of the State of Illinois will be considered an out-of-District student. Students shall be classified as residents of the State without meeting the general 30-day residency provision if they are:

- ❖ Federal job corps workers stationed in Illinois;
- ❖ Members of the armed services stationed in Illinois;
- ❖ Inmates of state correctional/rehabilitation institutions located in Illinois; or
- ❖ Employed full-time in Illinois.

IV. Out-of-State: Any student who is a resident of another state will be considered an out-of-state student and will be charged the rate established by the Board of Trustees.

V. Out-of-Country: Any student who is a resident of a foreign country will be considered an out-of-country student and will be charged the rate established by the Board of Trustees.

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VI. Undocumented: Public Act 093-007 states an individual shall be deemed an Illinois resident, until the individual establishes a residence outside of this state; if all of the following conditions are met.

- 1) The individual resides with his or her parent or guardian while attending a public or private high school in the State of Illinois.
- 2) The individual graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in the State of Illinois.
- 3) The individual attended school in the State of Illinois for at least 3 years as of the date the individual graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- 4) The individual registers as an entering student in the community college not earlier than the 2003 fall semester.
- 5) In the case of an individual who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, the individual provides the community college with an affidavit stating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so. Students may obtain the IECC Affidavit form from any of the IECC college student record's office.

A Resolution on Residency of Undocumented Students, was resolved on January 20, 2017, by the Illinois Community College Board, to clarify tuition policy for undocumented students particularly adult students not included in provisions of PA 93-007. The resolution states that in-district tuition should be paid by those community college students meeting the residency rules for in-district tuition regardless of citizenship status. Students who do not meet the requirements of the in-district rule should pay out-of-district tuition.