

## **Non-Resident Tuition**

**References:** *Education Code Sections 68130.5 and 76140;  
Title 5 Section 54045.5*

### **Nonresident Tuition**

Students who are not residents of California for one year prior to the first day of the semester will be charged nonresident tuition at the Governing-Board-approved semester unit rate. Nonresident students must pay nonresident tuition in addition to the California Community College Enrollment Fees.

The nonresident tuition will be established by February 1<sup>st</sup> for the succeeding fiscal year. Calculation of such tuition shall be done in compliance with applicable law and regulations to reflect the current expense of education and that of the preceding fiscal year, and it shall reflect fees in contiguous districts. Students who believe they should be reclassified as resident students have the responsibility to request a change of their classification in the Admission & Records prior to enrollment.

### **High School Graduate Exemption (AB 540)**

Students with and/or without lawful immigration status who attended high school in California for three or more years and graduated from a California high school or equivalent but do not meet the residency requirements for in state enrollment fees are exempt from the nonresident tuition.

Students without lawful immigration status must file an affidavit stating that the student has filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status or will do so as soon as possible. Nonimmigrant alien students are not eligible for exemption, except those students who hold "T" and "U" non-immigrant visas.

### **Military Resident Exemption**

Nonresident U.S. military personnel on active duty in California (except those assigned for education purposes to state-supported institutions of higher education) are granted a waiver of nonresident tuition until they are discharge from their military service. Their dependents are granted a waiver for 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.

**Non-Resident Tuition****Foreign Students**

Citizens and residents of a foreign country shall be charged a Board-approved tuition. Nonresident tuition is paid in addition to the enrollment fee paid by all students. If the student believes he or she should be classified as a resident student, it is the student's responsibility to request a change of classification in Admissions and Records prior to enrollment.

**Collection of Fees Following Falsification**

Southwestern Community College District will actively pursue collection of nonresident fees, especially payments which have been avoided by falsification. A hold shall be placed on student account until payment in full is made. Such hold shall block registration, transcripts, and other College District services.

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