

AP 5020 Non-Resident Tuition

Reference:

Education Code Sections 68130.5 and 76140 et seq.

Non-Resident Tuition:

Students who are not residents of California for one year prior to the first day of the term will be charged Non-resident Tuition at the Board-approved rate per semester unit. Non-resident tuition fees are capped at 15 units (see fee chart). Non-resident students must pay Non-resident Tuition in addition to the California Community College Enrollment Fees. Students who believe they should be reclassified as a resident student have the responsibility to change their classification in the Admissions Office prior to registration.

International Student Fees:

Non-resident students who are both citizens and residents of a foreign country will be charged Non-resident Tuition and the California Community College Enrollment Fees, unless exempt per BP 5020. There is a nonrefundable application fee (see chart).

Military Resident Exemption:

Non-resident U.S. military personnel on active duty in California (except those assigned for educational purposes to state-supported institutions of high education) are granted a waiver of Non-resident Tuition until they are discharged from their military service. Their dependents are granted a waiver for a period of one year from the date they enter California. Upon expiration of the waiver, 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 Non-resident and charged Non-resident Tuition until one year has elapsed since the out-of-state residence was surrendered.

Non-resident Minor High School Student Exemption:

High school/pre-high school students admitted on a part-time basis on the recommendation of their principal; are exempt from paying Non-resident Tuition when taking a college class for high school credit.

High School Graduate Exemption:

Students without lawful immigration status who attend high school in California for three or more years and have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent are exempt from non-resident tuition. Students without lawful immigration status must file an affidavit stating that the student has filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will do so as soon as possible.

Nonimmigrant alien students are not eligible for exemption unless they meet all of the following requirements:

1. Demonstrates financial need.
2. Has a parent who has been deported or was permitted to depart voluntarily.
3. Moved abroad as a result of that deportation or voluntary departure.
4. Lived in California immediately before moving abroad.
5. Attended a public or private secondary school in the state for three or more years
6. Upon enrollment, will be in his or her first academic year as a matriculated student in California public higher education, will be living in California, and will file an affidavit with the District stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

Foreign Students:

Citizens and residents of a foreign country shall be charged a Board-approved tuition. Non-resident Tuition is paid in addition to the enrollment fee paid by all students. If the students believe they should be reclassified as a resident student, it is their responsibility to change their classification in the Admissions Office prior to registration.

September 11, 2001 Exemption:

If an individual who was killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 was a resident of California on September 11, 2001, or if their dependent was a resident on that date and if they meet the financial need requirement for the Cal Grant A Program, the dependents of this individual may be exempt from Non-resident tuition. If the dependent is a spouse, the exemption applies until the person reaches the age of 30.

Payment:

Tuition must be paid in full within the designated timeframe indicated on the Taft College Website. Payments can be made through the students CougarTracks account online or by contacting the Taft College Cashier's Desk.

Refunds:

The same refund guidelines apply as those for other registration fees. (See AP 5030)