

Northern Marianas College
Board of Regents Policy

SUBJECT:	Student Affairs	EFFECTIVE:	November 24, 2015
SECTION:	4001	POLICY NAME:	Residency Classification
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For tuition purposes only, the Northern Marianas College (NMC) Board of Regents has fixed the following definitions of a *resident student* who registers at NMC.

A resident student is defined as a person:

1. Who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and domiciliary of the CNMI for more than one year (12 consecutive months) immediately prior to enrollment;
2. Who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, but is married to one who is a domiciliary of the CNMI for more than one year (12 consecutive months) immediately prior to enrollment;
3. Who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, but was born in the CNMI between August 1, 1974 and November 3, 1986, and domiciliary of the CNMI for more than one year (12 consecutive months) immediately prior to enrollment;
4. Who is not a U.S. citizen, but is a permanent resident of a signatory of the Pacific Postsecondary Educational Council (PPEC) agreement regarding resident tuition; PPEC entities include Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, the Republic of Belau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. (Proof of permanent residency under this provision must be provided);
5. Who is a covered individual as defined in 38 U.S.C. § 3679(c);
6. Who is not a permanent resident or U.S. citizen, has resided in the CNMI for the 3 years immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma and completed the full senior year at a CNMI high school; or
7. Who is not a permanent resident or U.S. citizen and continuously maintains full-time status at NMC for 3 academic years.

Students enrolled at the College under reciprocity agreements and programs, such as the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program, may receive reduced tuition rates as defined by such programs.

Domiciliary means physical presence with the intent to make the CNMI one's permanent home. Examples of proof of one's intent can include, but are not limited to: registering to vote and voting in a CNMI election, designating the CNMI as your permanent address on all school and employment records, and paying CNMI taxes.

The domicile of a dependent may be based on the domicile of his or her parent(s) or, guardian. A qualifying dependent must be claimed on tax forms of individuals who meet the definition of a resident student as defined in 1-4 above.

A student classified as a resident for tuition purposes will lose this status if absent from the CNMI for more than 12 consecutive months, unless that student was a member of the U.S. armed forces.

Furthermore, resident status will not be lost solely because of absence from the CNMI while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, or a dependent of a parent/s in the U.S. Armed Forces, or while a CNMI Government employee outside of the CNMI.

A student not meeting any of the above definitions shall be classified as a nonresident student.

The burden of proof is upon the student who is making the claim to resident student status. The student who knowingly provided false information or who conceals or refuses to reveal information for the purpose of achieving resident status may be charged non-resident tuition rate and be subject to cancellation of admission to NMC.

This policy affects residency status for NMC tuition purposes only.

HISTORY:	Replaces BOR Policy No. 8002
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