

## 6.5.1 Residency Status

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**Policy:** Piedmont Community College (PCC) adheres to North Carolina state laws and guidelines in granting in-state tuition to qualified students.

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### **Purpose/Definitions:**

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This policy describes the process that the State of North Carolina uses to determine residency status of students at the College for the purpose of determining tuition rates.

#### **Definitions**

**Legal resident**—a person who has maintained a domicile in North Carolina for at least 12 months prior to enrollment. The legal residence of a minor is that of the parents, surviving parent, or legal guardian.

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**Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority:** Piedmont Community College’s Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Student Development has monitoring authority for this policy. The State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) is the primary and sole authority to conduct residency determination for the state of North Carolina.

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### **Procedure:**

#### **Section 1: Residency Determination**

- 1.1. Regulations concerning the classification of students by residence for purposes of applicable tuition differentials are set forth in detail on the [North Carolina Residency Determination Service Website](#).
- 1.2. Applicant completes residency determination application through the PCC application or online at the [North Carolina Residency Determination Service Website](#).
  - 1.2.1. Applicant or their parent or guardian is required to submit a SSN, ITIN, ARN, or USCIS identification number to be eligible for in-state residency. If not provided, the applicant will be considered an out-of-state student and charged accordingly.

- 1.2.2. No person loses in-state status by serving in the Armed Forces outside of the state of North Carolina.

Section 2: Residency Reconsideration/Appeals

- 2.1. If an applicant believes their active residency determination is incorrect, they may file a reconsideration, which allows them to resubmit any omitted information or correct information that was erroneously input. (See PCC Policy 7.12.1 Residency Appeal and Reconsideration Process for more information.)
- 2.2. After a reconsideration, if an applicant believes their active residency determination is still incorrect, they may file an appeal with the SEAA to further discuss the issue. (See PCC Policy 7.12.1 Residency Appeal and Reconsideration Process for more information.)

Section 3: Tuition Waivers and Residency Status

- 3.1. Students who do not qualify for in-state residency may be eligible to receive the state resident community college tuition rate. Refer to the [NC Residency Determination Service Guidebook \(North Carolina Community College Specific Exceptions\)](#) and N.C.G.S. 115D-39 for eligibility criteria.

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**Legal Citation:** [N.C.G.S. 115D-39](#), [N.C.G.S. 116-143.1](#), [1E SBCCC 300](#), [1E SBCCC 800](#), [1E SBCCC 900](#), [NC Residency Determination Service Guidebook](#)

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Cross-references PCC Policy 7.12.1 Residency Appeal and Reconsideration Process.