



SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY
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SUBJECT: RESIDENCY STATUS

- I. **PURPOSE:** To define residency status for students.
- II. **POLICY:**
 - A. A student classified as a non-resident of the State of Utah is required to pay a non-resident fee. Any non-resident student who has reason to believe he or she can qualify for resident status should file a petition with the registrar before registering. Petition forms are available in the registrar's office. Each petition will be considered in accordance with the following provisions of Title 53-34-22 of the Utah Code Annotated (Supp. 1963).
 - B. The meaning of the word "resident" shall be determined by reference to the general law of the subject of domicile, except that the following rules shall apply:
 - 1. No person can acquire a domicile by living in the State of Utah when such person lives in the State of Utah for the purpose of attending or enabling a minor child to attend an institution of higher education.
 - 2. Students whose family residence is not in Utah cannot acquire a domicile unless they have lived in the state for one year prior to registration in a post-high school educational institution.
 - 3. A student whose family moves to Utah with the intent of taking up permanent residence shall be immediately eligible to register as a Utah resident student.
 - 4. Students shall not lose their domicile for educational purposes by the removal of their parents or guardian during the continuous period of their higher education.
 - 5. The domicile of a minor shall be that of their father; in the event of the death of their father, that of their mother; and in the event of the death of both parents, that of the last deceased parent unless a guardian has been appointed. In the event of a divorce or separation, the domicile of the minor shall be that of the person to whom custody has been awarded.
 - 6. Each person serving in the United States Armed forces, assigned to duty in Utah, and members of the family of such persons who live in Utah shall be deemed residents.



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- 7. Any American Indian who is enrolled on the tribal rolls by a tribe whose reservation or trust lands lie partly or wholly within Utah or whose border is at any point contiguous with the border of Utah or any American Indian who is a member of federally recognized tribe and who has graduated from a high school in Utah, shall be entitled to resident status.
- C. A prospective student whose credentials indicate out-of-state status is classified as a non-resident.
- D. A change in residence status is not an automatic procedure. Students who wish more information may consult with the staff in the Registrar's Office.

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