

Tuition Classification for Nonresident Graduate Students

If you initially enroll with out-of-state tuition and you intend to request in-state tuition for your second year, you must take action now to complete the required steps so that you can demonstrate **12 months of Colorado domicile (residency)** prior to your second year.

All domestic non-resident graduate students (including permanent residents) must obtain Colorado in-state tuition classification prior to the start of their second year of employment as a graduate student. Failure to do so will result in ineligibility for tuition remission, starting with the following semester. As an example, a student who first starts working on a graduate appointment Fall 2024 should have resident status for Fall 2025.

Residency Requirements

Tuition classification is governed by Colorado state law. Below are the requirements, which are also outlined in this [brief video](#).

You **must** have moved to Colorado no later than one year and one day prior to the term start.

- To qualify for Summer 2024, you must have moved to Colorado by May 12, 2023.
- To qualify for Fall 2024, you must have moved to Colorado by August 25, 2023.

You **must** take action to establish legal ties to Colorado shortly after moving to the state by doing the following things:

- Get a Colorado driver's license or state ID within 120 days of moving to the state.
- Change your voter registration to Colorado if you are a registered voter.
- Register your vehicle in Colorado within 180 days of moving to the state.
- File income taxes as a Colorado resident.

Submit Your Adult Residency Petition

You **must** submit an [Adult Residency Petition](#) to prove that you qualify for a change to in-state tuition.

- Petitions for Summer 2024 will be accepted March 1, 2024 through May 3, 2024.
- Petitions for Fall 2024 will be accepted March 1, 2024 through July 12, 2024.

If you fail to take the required steps by the deadlines outlined above, your petition will be denied and you will be continue to be assessed out-of-state tuition.

If you maintain legal ties to another state, your petition will be denied and you will continue to be assessed out-of-state tuition.