

Tuition Classification for Nonresident Graduate Students

Check Your Residency Status

If you're unsure whether you're classified as a resident or a nonresident, follow these steps:

1. Log in to Buff Portal (buffportal.colorado.edu).
- 2.
3. Select "Your Profile."
4. Your residency status will appear under "Residency for Tuition."

Establish Evidence of Domicile

Tuition Classification is governed by Colorado state law. To qualify for any term, you must have moved to Colorado on or before the domicile qualifying date (see chart below) and taken the actions below in a timely manner from that date forward. There are actions you will need to take soon after moving to the state if you hope to qualify for your second year. Do not wait!

- Sign a lease or purchase a home in Colorado on or before the domicile qualifying date (see chart below) and maintain a home in Colorado for the entire 12-month domicile period.
- File Colorado state income taxes as a resident.
- Get a Colorado driver's license or state ID card within 120 days.
- If you are a registered voter, you must register to vote in Colorado.
- Register your vehicle in Colorado within 180 days.
- All actions you take after moving to Colorado must reflect that you consider Colorado to be your true, fixed and permanent home.

**Watch the video
that accompanies
this document:
bit.ly/2LVtLPI**

Contact the Colorado DMV

For information about getting your Colorado driver's license or state ID, registering to vote or registering your vehicle, or to schedule an appointment at the DMV, visit www.colorado.gov/dmv.

File Your State Income Taxes

To demonstrate your intent to be a Colorado resident:

- **Do** file as a **part-year or full-year resident** of Colorado, depending on the date you moved. For example, if you moved to Colorado in August, we expect to see that you filed as a part-year resident of Colorado for August through December of that tax year.
- **Do not** file as nonresident on your Colorado tax return.
- **Do not** file as a full-year resident on any other state's tax return.

Apply by the Petition Deadlines

Don't miss the residency deadlines!

Applicable Term	Domicile Qualifying Date	Earliest Submission Date	Final Petition Deadline
Winter/Spring 2024	Jan. 15, 2023	Oct. 2, 2023	Friday, Dec. 15, 2023
Summer 2024	May 12, 2023	March 1, 2024	Friday, May 3, 2024
Fall 2024	Aug. 25, 2023	March 1, 2024	Friday, July 12, 2024
Winter/Spring 2025	Jan. 12, 2024	Oct. 1, 2024	Friday, Dec. 13, 2024

Special Situations

International Students

Nonimmigrant aliens residing in Colorado for purposes other than education may qualify for in-state status after one year of Colorado residency. Qualified international students must complete the appropriate adult, parent or emancipation petition for a change in residency status. See www.colorado.edu/registrar/residency.

Nonimmigrants in the following categories **cannot** qualify for in-state tuition: F-1, F-2, H-3, H-4 (if the visa holder is the spouse or child of an H-3), J-1 or J-2 (if the J-1 visa holder is a student/trainee), M-1 and M-2.

Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)

WRGP is a benefit for residents of certain U.S. states and territories that allows students in qualified programs outside their home state to pay resident tuition. View participating programs and states at www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wrgp.

Approved participating students are not eligible for the College Opportunity Fund stipend or Colorado resident financial aid. WRGP students must not attempt to become Colorado residents and cannot use any portion of time while participating in the program to begin Colorado domicile. See www.colorado.edu/registrar/exceptions.

Remember the Details

- Establish ties to Colorado as soon as possible.
- Keep copies of all evidence of domicile.
- Turn in your petition by the deadline.
- Submit petition early within submission period.
- Do not leave any fields blank.
- Submit all documentation requested in the petition.
- Complete an optional TC 501 session (available online).

Learn More

Visit www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/state-residency/adult to watch our graduate student residency video, complete the optional TC 501 course, access the online or paper residency petition or find answers to any remaining questions.

Contact Us

Email tuitclass@colorado.edu
Phone 303-492-6970, option 3
Web www.colorado.edu/registrar/state-tuition

**Colorado state tuition laws are subject to change.
Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.**