



# CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

## Financial Services Section

### *Policy 6.1.2 - Tuition Residency Requirements*

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## **I. RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICE**

The standards for determining resident status for tuition are set forth in North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) § 116-143.1. Session Law 2015-241 authorized the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) to perform all functions necessary to apply the criteria in NCGS § 116-143.1 using a coordinated, centralized process. Session Law 2015-241 also directed the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) to take the actions necessary to facilitate an orderly transition from the previous campus-based residency classification system to the current coordinated and centralized process. Subsequently, Session Law 2016-57 codified SEAA's authority to administer the Residency Determination Service (RDS) under NCGS § 116-143.1(d) and NCGS § 116-204(12).

Consequently, the College is not responsible for administering the residency determination process. All determinations regarding residency status shall be made by the RDS, including determinations relating to appeals or grievances relating to a residency determination status. Information regarding residency and RDS can be found in the *North Carolina Residency Determination Service Guidelines* ("Guidelines"), whose provisions are hereby incorporated herein.

## **II. TUITION DETERMINATION BASED ON RESIDENCY**

Tuition rates shall be determined based on the residency classification of the student. Unless otherwise provided by the policies of the College, students who are determined to qualify for in-state tuition shall be charged the in-state tuition rates, while all other students shall be charged the out-of-state tuition rates.

## **III. CAMPUS-LEVEL EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS**

In accordance with statute, code, and the Guidelines, certain non-resident students may qualify for an exception or grace period that entitles them to in-state tuition rates. Similarly, certain students, whether resident or non-resident, may qualify for tuition waivers. In instances where RDS is unable to handle the determination of exceptions or tuition waivers, it is the College's

policy to maximize affordable access to students through the processing and granting of appropriate exceptions or tuition waivers so long as doing so does not present an unreasonable financial or administrative burden. The President shall adopt procedures in furtherance of this Section and consistent with the requirements of statute, code, and the Guidelines.

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#### REFERENCES

<b>Statutory References</b>	N.C.G.S. §§ 115D-39, 116-143.1; NC Session Law 2015-241 Section 11.23
<b>Regulatory References</b>	1E SBCCC 300.2
<b>Relevant Guidance</b>	<i>North Carolina Residency Determination Service Guidelines</i> (March 2024)
<b>Policy Manual Cross-References</b>	Referenced by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy 6.1.1 - Tuition and Fees</li></ul>

#### POLICY HISTORY

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