

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Military Personnel

Members of the United States armed forces and their dependents are eligible for in-state status where the member is domiciled in Colorado for 12 continuous months prior to enlisting and returns to Colorado within six months of discharge.

Members of the United States armed forces and their dependents are eligible for in-state status upon the member moving to Colorado on a permanent change-of station basis, regardless of the length of the member's residency in Colorado. Members of the United States armed forces are eligible for in-state status upon moving to Colorado on a temporary assignment duty in Colorado, regardless of the length of residence in Colorado.

An honorably discharged member of the United States armed forces who establishes domicile for any length of time is entitled to in-state tuition status.

Veterans of the United States armed forces and their dependents who are defined as "covered individuals" under section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, 38 U.S.C. § 3679, as amended and as determined by the United States department of veterans affairs, are eligible for in-state status so long as they reside in Colorado while enrolled, and enroll in courses with educational assistance benefits pursuant to chapter 30 or 33 of U.S.C. title 38.

Colorado National Guard members and their dependents shall be eligible for in-state status while they maintain their sole residence in Colorado.

Member of the military forces of Canada stationed in Colorado, or the dependent of any such member, qualifies for in-state tuition status at any institution of higher education in this state. However, no member of the Canadian military will be deemed to be stationed in this state unless he maintains a full-time principal residence in Colorado. Moreover, in-state tuition status for Canadian military personnel or their dependents will terminate at the conclusion of the current semester upon transfer to any station outside of this state.

- Relocation Rules

An employee or child of an employee who moved to Colorado in the 12 months preceding enrollment and whose company relocates all or a portion of its operations to Colorado as a result of receiving an incentive through the Colorado Office of Economic Development or an incentive from a local government economic incentive program may be eligible for in-state status.

A student who moved to Colorado in the 12 months preceding enrollment because the student's parent took a faculty position at a public institution of higher education may be eligible for in-state status.

A student who is a U.S. legal resident may receive in-state tuition status if the student's parent moved the family to Colorado to accept a job in the state during the student's senior year of high school and the student graduated from a Colorado public high school, may be eligible for in-state status.

- Olympic Athletes

An athlete who otherwise would not be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes may qualify for in-state status if the athlete is in residence and in training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center at Colorado Springs.

- Foreign Nationals

A foreign national, notwithstanding an intention to return to his or her country of origin or ineligibility to establish domicile in the United States pursuant to federal law, is eligible for classification as an in-state student after one year of Colorado residence if the primary purpose of the foreign national's residence in Colorado is other than for his or her education or for the education of a family member.

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education has determined which nonimmigrant alien categories are subject to this provision. 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, and J-2 (if the J-1 visa holder is a student or trainee), M-1 and M-2. Individuals who are lawful permanent residents or who are admitted as refugees are eligible to establish domicile for tuition purposes.

In addition, a foreign national admitted to the United States as a Refugee pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1157 or who was admitted to the United States as a special immigrant pursuant to Pub.L. 110-181, sec. 1244, as amended; Pub.L. 109-163, sec. 1059, as amended; or Pub.L. 111-8, Division F, Title VI, sec. 602, as amended who has made his or her home in Colorado upon entering the United States, and presently intends to reside permanently in Colorado, is eligible for classification as an in-state student.

- WICHE Program Participants

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education ("WICHE") promotes the sharing of higher education resources among the participating western states. Under this program, residents of Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming who are enrolled in qualifying graduate programs may be eligible for in-state tuition classification. Check the Graduate Bulletin or contact the Office of Graduate Studies to find out which academic programs currently qualify.

Other information of note related to the updating of the website in June 2019:

Links included within the website documentation:

Revised State Statutes: <https://leg.colorado.gov/colorado-revised-statutes>

Additional guidance can be found on the [Colorado Department of Higher Education](#) website.