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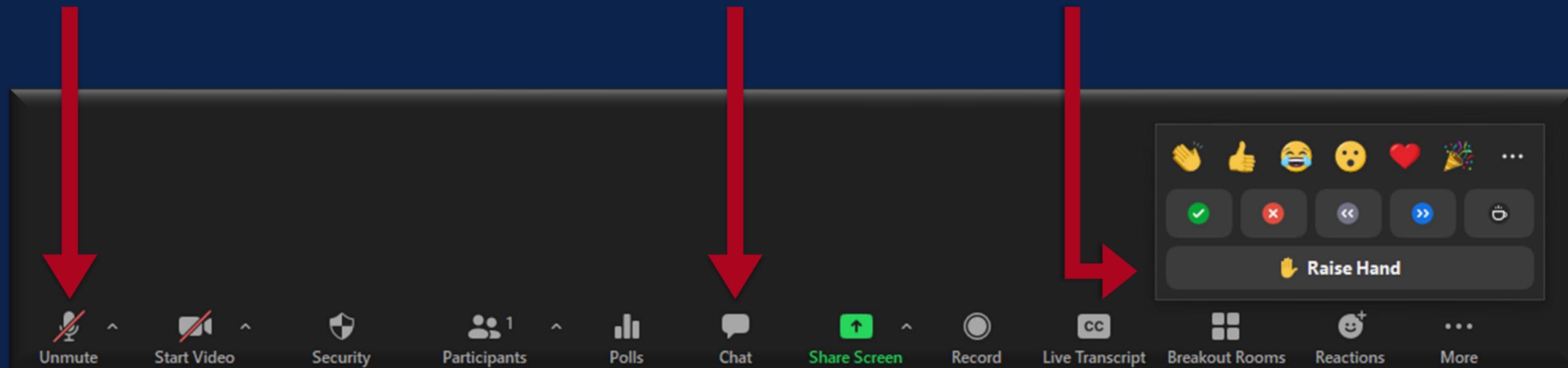
Office of the Registrar

RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION

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AGENDA

- Residency Classification Office Overview
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- Student Experience and Resources
- FAQs
- Questions



Office of the Registrar

The **Office of the Registrar** is responsible for the **accuracy and integrity of the academic record**.

Serving all students, faculty, academic units, and student support functions; the Office is charged with the implementation of academic and student policies and their alignment to state and federal regulations and accreditation standards.

The Office strives to be a leader and thought partner in creating efficient processes that are designed in a way that supports student success and service excellence.



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Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR)

ABOR is the governing board for the state's public universities:

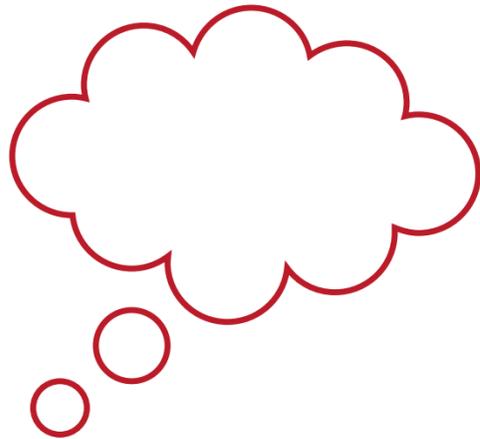
- Arizona State University
- Northern Arizona University
- University of Arizona.

ABOR determines the policy for residency classification for tuition purposes.



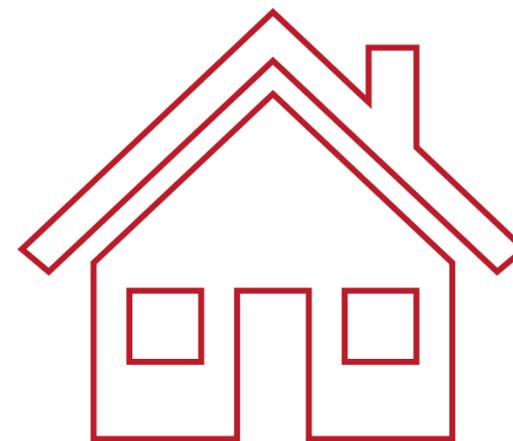
Residency classification for tuition purposes is the determination of a student's intent to be domiciled in Arizona.





Intent – the reason why an individual is domiciled in Arizona.

Domicile – individuals true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation.



Residency Guidelines

To become a resident of Arizona for tuition purposes, there are four basic requirements:

- **12 months of continuous physical presence immediately preceding the term for which a student has applied**
- **Intent to establish domicile in Arizona as demonstrated by objective evidence**
- Objective evidence of financial independence for one year
- The student must demonstrate they are in Arizona beyond the purpose of being a student



Residency Classification Office Overview

The *Residency Classification Office* is required by the Arizona Legislature to determine **residency for tuition purposes** to determine if a student is eligible for resident tuition.

Each **main campus** Arizona student must be classified as either a resident or a non-resident student. Students are billed for tuition based on their residency status.

Residency classification applies to all careers/programs (undergraduate, graduate, medicine, pharmacy, law, veterinary medicine).

Residency for tuition purposes is different than being a resident of the state of Arizona.

All evidence is weighed under the presumption that a **non-resident student's** presence in Arizona is primarily for the purposes of education and not to establish domicile, and that decisions of an individual as to their intent to establish domicile are generally made after the completion of an education and not before.



Residency Classification Procedures

New/Readmitted Students: Students may qualify for residency if they have 12-months of continuous physical presence immediately preceding the term for which the student has applied.

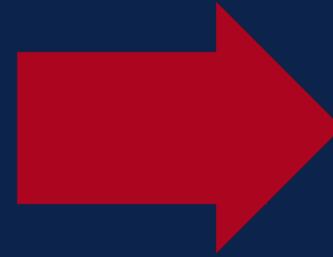
Continuing Students: Students who are classified as a nonresident may apply for reclassification. They must provide objective evidence to prove they meet all four ABOR guidelines.



Residency Experience for New Students

Admitted students who self-identify as a **resident** need to verify their residency using the Statement of Residency Classification (SORC).

- Undergraduate students can complete the SORC online questionnaire in their Next Steps Student Center.
- All other students receive SORC information in admissions materials. The SORC link is also on the Office of the Registrar website.



Upon completion of the SORC, a student will be provided with a decision for their residency classification.

There are two types of decisions:

1. Resident Decision – no additional steps required.
2. Nonresident Decision- Students may submit a Domicile Affidavit to verify their residency.



Verification of Lawful Presence (VLP)

What is VLP?

- In November 2006, a law was passed by Arizona voters that students that are **not** U.S. citizens or **not** permanent residents or do not have lawful immigration status are **not** eligible for in-state tuition or financial aid that is funded or subsidized by state monies.

How is VLP verified?

- Through a verified ISIR address on a student's FAFSA.
- Students may also complete their VLP by uploading a document on their UAccess Student Center, such as a driver's license, passport, or birth certificate.



Formula for Residency



ABOR Exceptions

Exceptions to the 12-Months of Physical Presence

- Dependent Exception
- Military Exception
- Native American Exception
- Spouse Exception
- Teacher on Contract Exception
- Transferred Employee Exception

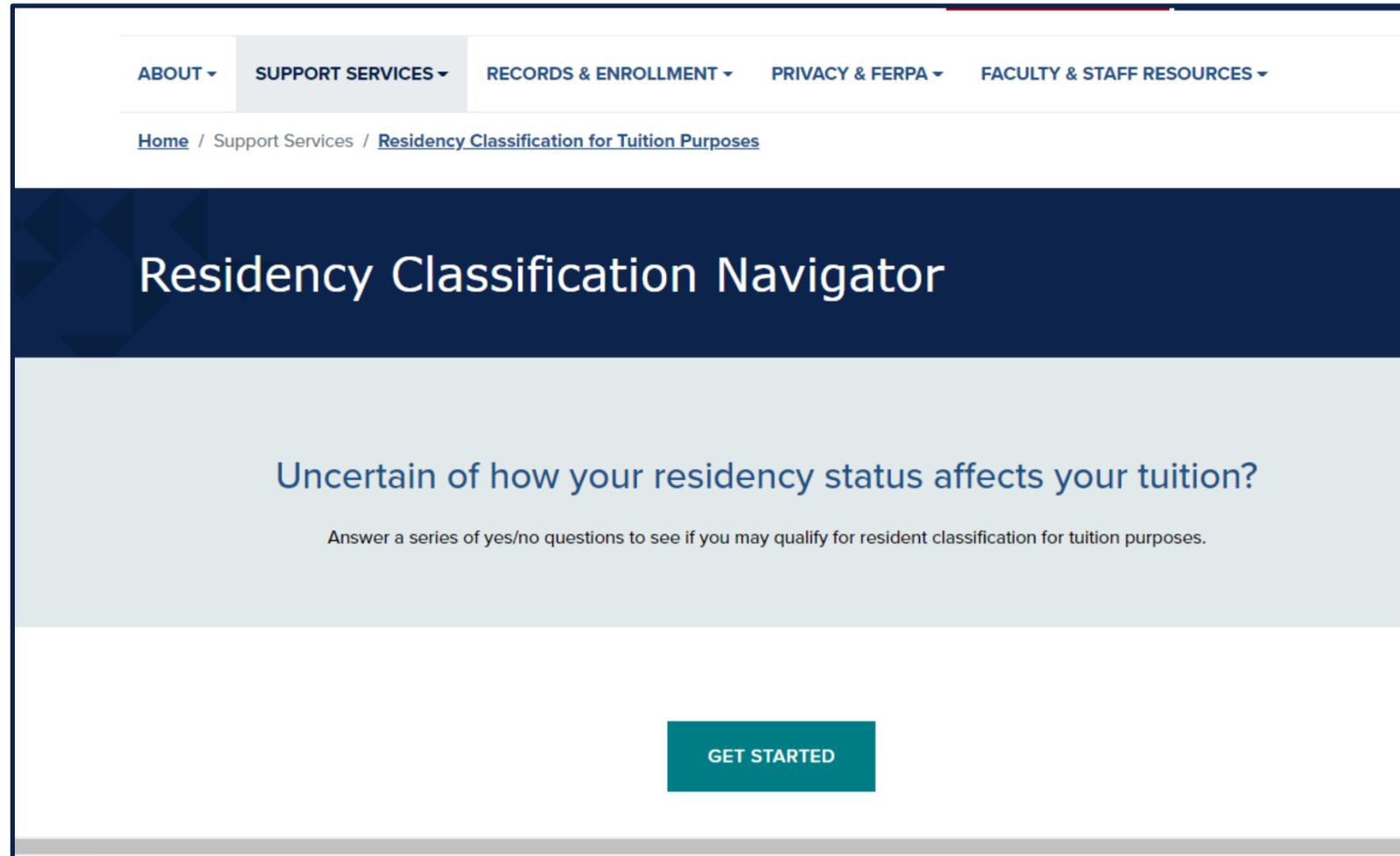
Tuition Discount

- AZ High School Graduate 150%
- WUE and WRGP

There is a deadline for the forms every semester, and documents should be submitted via email to reg-rco@arizona.edu



Residency Classification Navigator



- The **Residency Navigator** asks a series of questions to help a student determine if they may qualify for residency.
- The Navigator will direct students to the appropriate residency form.



Residency Navigator- Military Example

Uncertain of how your residency status affects your tuition?

Answer a series of yes/no questions to see if you may qualify for resident classification for tuition purposes.

Have you been physically present in Arizona for the past 12 months?

YES

NO

Are you active military (including National Guard or Reserves?)

YES

NO



Residency Navigator- Military Example Results:

Are you stationed in Arizona?

YES NO



Uncertain of how your residency status affects your tuition?

Answer a series of yes/no questions to see if you may qualify for resident classification for tuition purposes.

The Military Stationed in Arizona Exception may apply to your situation.

https://registrar.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/military_stationed_in_az_exception.pdf

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Residency Resources

REGISTRAR.ARIZONA.EDU/RESIDENCY

Schedule an Appointment

- Opportunity for an individual or family to understand the residency classification process in relation to their circumstances

Residency Navigator

- Used as a starting point to determine if a student is eligible for a residency exception

Residency Forms

- Used by students to provide information relevant to their residency request (Domicile Affidavit, Exceptions, Continuing Student Petition, Review Form)



Residency Reviews

What if the student believes they have been misclassified?

Students who believe they have been misclassified by a Residency Classification Officer may appeal the decision by submitting a Residency Review Request for the semester they were denied residency.

The Residency Review Committee will determine the student's residency based on:

- The supporting documents provided and
- ABOR guidelines



FAQs

Do students have to reapply for residency every semester?

- No, a student's residency status will remain on their account if they are continuously enrolled every fall/spring term.
- Students who are denied residency may reapply for residency.
- Students with residency status at ASU or NAU will maintain their residency classification if they transfer.

Why are income taxes important?

- Income taxes are important forms of objective evidence because the University of Arizona is subsidized by state income tax.

What are the main reasons residency applications are denied?

- Students are not Arizona residents.
- Students do not submit sufficient supporting documents.
- Students are not financially independent (for Continuing Student Petition only).
- Students have not severed ties with their former state.

Are there any hardship exceptions?

- No, any person requesting reclassification must meet ABOR guidelines.

My relative lives in Arizona. Do I qualify for residency?

- Students may apply for residency under the Dependent Exception under their parent(s) and/or legal guardian ONLY.



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Please Join Us!

We invite you to join us on our next open forum!

Enrollment and Class Scheduling: Leveraging Tools for Efficiency

We will review best practices and highlight several resources available to department schedulers and department enrollers that can help increase efficiency and improve the student experience.

November 29, 2022
1-1:50 pm

