

The following information is intended to provide clarity about recent policy changes to Residency for tuition purposes relating to COVID-19.

The information below has been distributed by UCoP, as supplemental to the Temporary Amendment and [UC Regents Policy 3105](#); in the event of any conflict of information, Regents Policy 3105 and the amendment take priority. The policy and recent amendments can be viewed on the following pages, or on the web: [COVID-19 Temporary Amendment to UC Residence Policy](#).

**The First Temporary Amendment** effective March 9, 2020 through the 2020 Fall Residency Determination Date (RDD):

- applies to all students who were in the process of qualifying for a Resident Classification for the 2020 Fall RDD and whose ability to qualify was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as of 3/9/2020 through the 2020 Fall RDD.
- The review period is from Aug/Sept 2019 through the 2020 Fall RDD, and assuming the student otherwise fulfilled the applicable requirements through 3/8/20, the remainder of the evaluation period is waived if the deficiency is due to COVID-19.

**The Second Temporary Amendment** effective June 12, 2020:

- This applies to all Independent Students and (Dependent) Condit Students who are trying to qualify for a Resident Classification during the 2020-21 academic year for the 2021 Fall RDD.
- This will primarily be Grad Students who are enrolled in remote-learning courses and who obtain their legal intent by the end of 2021 Spring term.
- This applies to Condit Students who are enrolled in remote-learning courses and who obtain their legal intent by the 2021 spring term.

**Residency Physical Presence and Intent Calculation *during* the 2020-21 Academic Year --> Students needing to qualify for 2021-22 Academic Year Fall RDD**

Remote instruction Fall Term + **Independent Student** = Physical Presence waiver during 2020 fall term with Intent deadline extended to end of 2021 Spring Term, or;

Remote instruction Fall Term + **Condit Student** = Physical Presence waiver during 2020 fall term with intent deadline extended to end of 2021 Spring Term, or;

All other **Dependent Students** must fulfill the physical presence and intent requirements as noted in the Residence Policy & Guidelines with CA-resident parents.

Any students with questions about UC Residency for the purposes of tuition at UC Riverside should contact [reshelp@ucr.edu](mailto:reshelp@ucr.edu). Staff and faculty assisting students with inquiries should direct students to [reshelp@ucr.edu](mailto:reshelp@ucr.edu), as this will be the fastest and most direct way for the students to receive accurate information. For general information pertaining to Residency for tuition purposes, please check our website: <https://registrar.ucr.edu/tuition-fees/residency-for-tuition>

## COVID-19

### TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO UC RESIDENCY POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The UC Residency Policy and Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) currently provide that students must be physically present within California for a year prior to the Residency Determination Date (RDD) and that absences of six weeks or more in a one-year period disqualify a student from receiving in-state status. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guidelines are hereby further amended in three ways.

First, to provide that a student’s absence from the state for any length of time between March 9, 2020 and the Residency Determination Date for Fall 2020 at their campus shall not be counted toward the six week limit if the absence is caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This means that students who temporarily left California in response to the pandemic remain eligible for in-state residency for the 2020-21 academic year so long as they meet all other applicable eligibility requirements.

Second, the Guidelines are further amended to provide that a student, who has been or may be granted in-state status based on Financial Independence, may accept or use financial resources from another individual between March 9, 2020 and the end of the 2019-20 academic year without loss of eligibility for in-state status if the transfer of resources is made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Third, the enrollment in courses for the 2020 Fall term delivered via remote instruction will serve as a replacement for physical presence if the following conditions are met: (1) the UC campus has extended the opportunity for remote instruction, and (2) the student may qualify for residency on their own without regard to a parent per Regents Policy 3105 I.C.2, or temporarily through a noncustodial California parent per Regents Policy 3105 I.D.4. Students will still need to acquire applicable legal indicia to prove their intent to stay in California, as they do now, and will have until the end of the Spring 2021 term to do so.

All Guidelines contrary to the provisions of this amendment, except those adopted by the Regents, shall be suspended to the extent of the conflict, during the period this amendment remains in force. Further extensions of this policy will be considered, if necessary, to accommodate students whose circumstances are impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. Please note this temporary amendment is not intended to contradict Regents Policy 3105. These amendments stand until such time as they are rescinded by the UC Provost.