

Residency Guide

Washtenaw Community College - Office of Student Records



Aspects of Residency

1. The residency of a student will be based on current and valid Driver's License, State ID or Passport.
2. A student establishes legal residency using the address and other pertinent information submitted on their application and registration materials. The college will verify the residency.
3. The residency of minors (under 18) shall follow that of their parents or legal guardian. However, students under 18 who provide sufficient evidence that they are independently supporting themselves, and reside in the Washtenaw Community College District, may qualify as in-district residents regardless of their parent's residency status.
4. A student who is not a U.S. citizen and does not have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee or valid DACA status who attended an accredited Michigan high school for at least three years and thereafter (a) graduated from an accredited Michigan high school or (b) received a Michigan General Education Development High School Equivalency Certificate (GED) may be classified as In-District, Out-District, or Out-State student.
5. The residency of any person, who may furnish funds for payment of College fees, (other than a parent or legal guardian with whom the minor resides) shall in no way affect the residency of the student.
6. Veterans, as well as military staff transferred to Michigan, may present the appropriate military documentation by the WCC deadline and the 6-month Michigan residency requirement will be waived. This extends to the dependents who reside with them.
7. Any individual using educational assistance under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Program), Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill), of title 38, United States Code, and/or the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. 3311(b) (9)) who lives in the State of Michigan while attending Washtenaw Community College (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) will be eligible for in-state tuition.
8. Students who live with and whose spouse is a legal resident of Washtenaw County or State of Michigan will obtain the residency status of their spouse.
9. Students who live with and are dependent on a parent or a legal guardian who is a legal resident of Washtenaw County or State of Michigan will obtain the residency of the parent or legal guardian.

Documents That Determine Your Residency (all documents must be current and valid)

- In-District - State of Michigan Driver's License or State ID with Washtenaw County address
- Out of District - State of Michigan Driver's License or State ID with an address that is outside of Washtenaw County
- Out of State - Driver's License or State ID from another US State, US Passport, or Permanent Resident Card
- Out of Country - Foreign passport or an enhanced Driver's License from a WHTI participating country

Determine/Change Your Residency Status

To change residency status students must meet the following requirements depending on their *current status*:

Out of District - Changing to In-District

Two Options:

- Address listed on Driver's License/State ID must be located in Washtenaw County
- 3 different documents from the list below, with 1 item indicating residence prior to start of the semester
 - Utility Bills
 - Voter Registration Card
 - Vehicle Registration
 - Insurance Documents
 - Professional License
 - Bank Statements*
 - Court Documents*
 - Student Loan Statements*
 - Property Tax Statement*
 - Correspondence from College or High School*

*Documents must be in original mailed envelope dated and postmarked prior to the start of the semester in which you plan on being enrolled.

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Determine/Change Your Residency Status *Continued*

To change residency status students must meet the following requirements depending on their *current status*:

Out of State - Changing to In/Out District

You must reside in Michigan for at least 6 months prior to the start of the semester.

Three Options:

- Michigan Driver's License or State ID which indicates 6 months of residency
- Michigan Driver's License or State ID and 1 item from the list below indicating 6 months of residency
- 3 different documents from the list below, with 1 item indicating 6 months of residency
 - Utility Bills
 - Voter Registration Card
 - Vehicle Registration
 - Insurance Documents
 - Professional License
 - Bank Statements*
 - Court Documents*
 - Student Loan Statements*
 - Property Tax Statement*
 - Correspondence from College or High School*

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Out of Country - Changing to In/Out District

Must be a citizen, naturalized citizen, permanent resident, asylee or refugee prior to the start of the semester. Must provide U.S. Passport, proof of permanent residency, asylee, refugee, federally approved DACA status, or non-citizen with documentation of at least 3-years attendance at an accredited Michigan high school and (a) graduation from accredited Michigan high school or (b) GED certificate.

Three Options:

- Michigan Driver's License or State ID which indicates 6 months of residency
- Michigan Driver's License or State ID and 1 item from the list below indicating 6 months of residency
- 3 different documents from the list below, with 1 item indicating 6 months of residency
 - Utility Bills
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NOTE: You may submit documentation to the Welcome Center through the 12th day of the semester.

However, documents proving residency must be *dated prior to the start of the semester*.

Any questions should be directed to the Welcome Center, which is located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center building. The Welcome Center can also be reached by email at info@wccnet.edu or by phone at (734)973-3543.