

Residency FAQs

What is MyResidency?

MyResidency is an online portal (or.berkeley.edu/myresidency) where students can view their checklist, upload supporting documentation, and view letters from the Residence Affairs Unit. Make sure to check MyResidency often if you're petitioning for residency for purposes of tuition and fees.

What should I do once I arrive?

- ◆ **Document your presence in the state** as soon as you arrive. Save airline tickets or bank/credit card statements showing you were physically present in California one year prior to the beginning of the term for which you are seeking resident classification.
- ◆ **Establish a California driver's license or state identification card** within 10 days of arrival. Surrender all out-of-state driver's license and identification
- ◆ **Establish a California residence** in which you keep your permanent belongings.
- ◆ **Register your vehicles(s) in California** within 20 days of arriving. Also, register to vote and vote in California elections.
- ◆ **Pay California income taxes as a resident** on all taxable income earned after your arrival and file California resident or part-year resident tax returns. File nonresident or part-year resident out-of-state tax returns if you have out-of-state taxable income prior to arriving in California.
- ◆ **Designate and use a California address** as your permanent address on all records (school, employment, tax forms, military, bank accounts etc.).

What about non-academic periods?

Remaining in California during non-academic periods is a strong indicator of your intent to make California your home. You'll be required to document that you were physically present in the state for at least 2 of the 3 months during the summer previous to the term you are petitioning for residency. Other non-academic periods will not be an issue

if you provide strong indicators of intent. If you must leave the state for academic-related reasons (such as research), you may be required to provide proof of your whereabouts. Please contact the Residence Affairs Unit for more questions.

Q I graduated from a California high school. Do I qualify for any exemptions?

A You may be eligible for an exemption if you:

- ◆ have attended a high school in California for 3 or more years, and
- ◆ have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent thereof, and
- ◆ not be a nonimmigrant (e.g. students holding an F-1 or J-1 visa)

If you believe that you are eligible for this exemption, you will be required to complete and submit an Application and Affidavit, and your official high school transcript.

Q How long does it take to receive an answer once I submit all of my documents?

A Students usually receive a classification notice in 2 to 3 weeks.

My petition was denied. Can I appeal?

You have the opportunity to appeal to the UCOP Office of the General Counsel (OGC). You must do so in writing to OGC within 30 days of the date of your nonresident letter. Information regarding how to appeal can be found at: <http://www.ucop.edu/ogc/documents/uc-residency-instructions-appeal-form.pdf>

Have a question?

Contact us at:
orres@berkeley.edu or 510.642.7209

Did you know?

If you are determined to be a non-resident but want to submit a Statement of Legal Residence for a subsequent term, you must file the online form for that term in BearFacts. Just make sure to check the deadlines page at: registrar.berkeley.edu/registrar/deadline.html.