

EvCC6820: Determination of Residency

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PURPOSE

To meet Residency requirements in compliance with [RCW 28B.15.011](#) and the guidelines adopted by the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges.

POLICY

It is the policy of Everett Community College to comply with all Washington State residency laws. The most common residency requirements include, but are not limited to per [RCW 28B.15.012](#):

- A financially independent student who has had a domicile in the state of Washington for the period of one year immediately prior to the time of commencement of the first day of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any institution and has in fact established a bona fide domicile in this state primarily for purposes other than educational;
- A dependent student, if one or both of the student's parents or legal guardians have maintained a bona fide domicile in the state of Washington for at least one year immediately prior to commencement of the semester or quarter for which the student has registered at any institution;
- Any student who has spent at least seventy-five percent of both his or her junior and senior years in high schools in this state, whose parents or legal guardians have been domiciled in the state for a period of at least one year within the five-year period before the student graduates from high school, and who enrolls in a public institution of higher education within six months of leaving high school, for as long as the student remains continuously enrolled for three quarters or two semesters in any calendar year;
- (e) Any person who has completed and obtained a high school diploma, or a person who has received the equivalent of a diploma; who has continuously lived in the state of Washington for at least a year primarily for purposes other than postsecondary education before the individual is admitted to an institution of higher education under subsection (1) of this section; and who provides to the institution an affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not limited to citizenship or civics review courses

PROCEDURE

Determination of Washington State Residency is made by the Office of Enrollment Services in compliance with [RCW 28B.15.011](#) and the guidelines adopted by the Washington State Achievement Council. Any changes to the RCW regarding residency status will be adhered to by the Residency coordinator. Everett Community College makes available and updates residency information via the [Residency webpage](#).

The definition of "resident student" for certain students, who are not permanent residents or citizens of the United States, may be eligible for resident student status and eligible to pay resident tuition rates by the guidelines stated in RCW [28B.15.014](#)

RELEVANT LAWS AND OTHER RESOURCES

[RCW 28B.15.011](#), [012](#), [013](#), [014](#)

[WAC 250-18-010 to 060](#)

[HB 1079, 58th Legislature Regular Session \(Wash. 2003\)](#)

[Residency Handbook for Tuition Purposes Prepared by the Washington State Attorney General's Office](#)

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