Non-Resident Tuition

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Non-resident students shall be charged non-resident tuition and capital outlay fees for all units enrolled in accordance with the law.

Not later than February 1 of each year, the Business Officer shall bring to the Board of Trustees for approval, an action to establish non-resident tuition, including the non-resident capital outlay fee for the following fiscal year. The fees shall be calculated in accordance with guidelines contained in applicable state regulations and/or the California Community College Budget and Accounting Manual.

All non-resident students shall be charged non-resident tuition and capital outlay fees with the following exemptions:

1. All students, other than nonimmigrant aliens under 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15), who meet the following requirements:
   a. High school attendance in California for three or more years
   b. Graduation from a California high school or attainment of the equivalent thereof or (c) registration or enrollment in a course offered for any term commencing on or after January 1, 2002
   c. Completion of a questionnaire form prescribed by the Chancellor verifying eligibility for his waiver of non-resident tuition and (e) in the case of a student without lawful immigration status, the filing of an affidavit that the student has filed an application to legalize his/her immigration status, or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

2. Students who would otherwise be charged this fee shall be exempt if they demonstrate that they have a parent who has been deported or was permitted to depart voluntarily, they moved abroad from California as a result of that deportation or voluntary departure, and they attended a public or private secondary school in the state for three or more years. Upon enrollment, students
who qualify for this exemption must be in their first academic year as a matriculated student in California public higher education, live in California, and file an affidavit with the District stating that they intend to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

3. Pursuant to SB 150 and SB 141, nonresident special part-time students admitted to and enrolled in the Ghidotti Early College High School program at the Nevada County Campus or students admitted to and enrolled in the concurrent enrollment program at the Tahoe-Truckee Campus will be exempt. This exemption shall be in effect beginning with the Spring 2015 term.

4. Due to the nature of military service, recently discharged veterans may not have had the opportunity to establish residency in the State of California. In recognition of that obstacle, a student who has been discharged from the armed forces of the United States no more than two years from the start of the term of enrollment, who meets all qualifications for enrollment, who did not receive a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge, who is not eligible for any type of State approved fee waiver, who is living in California and actively seeking to establish residency in California, is eligible to a waiver of non-resident tuition for the length of time he or she lives in this state after being discharged up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident. This waiver shall be effective beginning with the Fall 2014 term.

By local option, under the Education Code, Sierra College does not exempt International Students from the payment of non-resident tuition and capital outlay fees.

See Administrative Procedure 5020.