

## Ten Things You Should Know About California Residency

1. California residency for fee purposes is established by California state law and the California Code of Regulations. Sierra Joint Community College District must comply with these laws and regulations.
2. Sierra Joint Community College District cannot alter or waive the eligibility criteria for **any** reason.
3. Under California law, if you have moved to California primarily to attend a California college, then **you are not eligible** for in-state resident fees.
4. Living in California for 12 months **is not** an automatic qualification for in-state fees.
5. You **must** prove through **official and/or legal documents** that you have moved to California permanently and are not merely living in California temporarily while you attend college, however long your course of study takes.
6. Financial hardship **cannot** be considered in evaluating California residency for fee purposes eligibility.
7. Legal ties that you maintain in another state or country (e.g. state tax liability, driver's license, voter's registration, etc.) **will disqualify** you from residency reclassification, regardless of your reason(s) for maintaining these ties.
8. Despite the length of time you attend Sierra College or live in California, you might not qualify for California residency for fee purposes.
9. A residency reclassification petition and all supporting documentation must be submitted during the term in which reclassification is requested.
10. Evidence of financial dependence **may disqualify** you from residency reclassification.

Note: \*\*\* The term "California resident" for fee purposes may differ from other definitions of California residency. A person who has a California driver's license/vehicle registration or who is a California resident for tax, voting or welfare purposes may have established legal residence in the state but not necessarily be considered a resident for fee purposes. \*\*\*