

California State Residency Requirements

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If you are classified as a non-resident for tuition purposes when accepted to SDSU you must apply for reclassification through the Office of the Registrar. Reclassification is determined based on physical presence and intent to remain in the state of California. The SDSU residence determination dates are:

- **Fall semester: September 20th**
- **Spring semester: January 25th**
- **Summer term: June 1st**

All reclassification application materials must be submitted by the above dates in order to be considered for in-state tuition for that semester. Additionally, all materials must be dated *at least one full year prior* to the date your application is submitted. *E.g.* if you are applying to be re-classified as a California resident for Fall semester 2015 all application materials must be dated no later than September 20th, 2014.

Application materials include (but are not limited to):

- Income tax information for the previous three years
- A valid visa that allows you to establish residency, if not a US citizen
- California voter registration and voting in California elections
- California vehicle license plates and driver's license or ID card
- California state income taxes being filed in the previous year
- Active California banking account
- Employment (or proof of support for the past year) with copies of W-2 form(s)
- Active membership in California professional or social organizations
- A permanent military address and home of record in California
- Mortgage/lease/rental agreement of a residence where permanent belongings are kept

We urge all new non-resident graduate students to obtain the necessary documents by September 20th of their first year, even if you have been awarded a non-resident tuition waiver. For more information regarding the residency reclassification process please visit the Office of the Registrar's website (<http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/registrar/residency.html>), or feel free to contact graduate students who have gone through the reclassification process.