

POLICY: State of Florida Residency Reclassification for Tuition Purposes

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE DIVISION/ DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE
March 14, 2025	March 14, 2025	Curriculum Committee Office of Student Affairs

POLICY STATEMENT

In-state residency reclassification for tuition purposes is governed by Section 1009.21, Florida Statutes and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005.

In-state residency reclassification for tuition purposes requires documentation that supports permanent legal residency in Florida for at least twelve (12) consecutive months, rather than temporary residency for the purpose of pursuing an education. Medical students requesting reclassification must complete the Residency Reclassification Application.

SCOPE

This policy applies to medical students seeking residency reclassification for tuition purposes.

REASON FOR POLICY

This policy covers the criteria for residency reclassification.

DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITIONS
Resident for tuition purposes	A person who qualifies for the in-state tuition rate.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Associate Dean for Student Affairs
HWCOM Registrar

RELATED RESOURCES

[Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005](#)

[FIU Policy 340.160 Florida Residency](#)

[Section 1009.21 of the Florida Statutes](#)

[HWCOM Residency Reclassification Application](#)

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CONTACTS

Questions about this policy should be directed towards the HWCOM Registrar, Office of Student Affairs.

POLICY HISTORY

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

HWCOM only reclassifies students one time per year. All documents for reclassification must be submitted to the HWCOM Registrar no later than July 1 of each year. All documents submitted in support of the reclassification request must be dated at least 12 months prior to the first day of the Fall semester for which a student is requesting tuition reclassification. Fall semester starts in late July. Students must check with the HWCOM Registrar for exact dates. Residency reclassification cannot be applied retroactively to previous terms. Living in or attending school in Florida will not, in itself, establish legal residence for tuition purposes.

Appealing Residency Reclassification Decisions. In accordance with section 1009.21, Florida Statutes and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005, FIU has established the Residency Appeal Committee. The Residency Appeal Committee provides a mechanism for students to appeal their out-of-state tuition decisions and strives to provide fairness and equity to all students at the university. The Residency Appeal Committee's decision on behalf of the institution is final and may not be appealed further.

A student may appeal the denial of a request to be classified or reclassified from out-of-state to in-state status for tuition purposes only once. Students must submit the request in writing with accompanying documentation to support reconsideration of the original decision. The Residency Appeal Committee cannot make exceptions to the minimum number of required documents for initial classification and reclassification determinations, nor to the requirement that all documents submitted for consideration be dated at least 12 months prior to the first day of classes for the term in which the residency determination is sought. The committee reviews the submitted appeal and may request additional information from the student to make its decision. Not submitting supporting documentation will delay the review and the petition may be denied. After review, the HWCOM Registrar will inform the student of the committee's decision in writing.

All College of Medicine residency reclassification appeals should be sent to comregistrar@fiu.edu.