If you are an adult student (age 18 or over) you may establish residence for tuition purposes in California if you satisfy all requirements below:

1. **Eligibility for 366 days immediately prior to Residence Determination Date**—first day of instruction of the term resident classification is sought.
   - U.S. citizen
   - Permanent Resident
   - Other Immigrant
   - Certain Nonimmigrant

2. **Physical Presence in California for 366 days immediately prior to Residence Determination Date**—To establish residence you must be physically present in California for more than one year (366 days) immediately prior to the residence determination date of the term for which you are requesting a resident classification. Physical presence within the state solely for educational purposes does not constitute the establishment of California residence, regardless of the length of your stay. Absences totaling more than six weeks over the first year are presumed to be inconsistent with an intent to reside permanently in California, certain exceptions apply.

3. **Intent to Reside Permanently in California**—You must have come here with the intent to make California your permanent home as opposed to coming to this state to go to school. You and/or your parents must prove California is your primary and permanent home by obtaining legal indicia of intent, as well as other indicia of intent, immediately after entering California and demonstrating that all legal ties to your past place of residence have been relinquished. For more information, see http://registrar.ucdavis.edu or contact a Residence deputy.

4. **California Parent Support**—For students under age 24, the UC's financial independence requirement will not be a factor in your residence determination if:
   - You are dependent upon a California natural or adoptive parent who meets the University's requirements for California residence for purposes of tuition and fees,
   - OR
   - You reached the age of majority (age 18) in California while your parents were residents of California, AND your California resident parents left the state to establish a residence elsewhere, AND you continued to reside in the State of California after your parents' departure.

**Financial Independence**—You will be considered “financially independent” if one or more of the following applies to you:

- Are at least 24 years of age by December 31 of the calendar year of the term for which you are requesting resident classification.
- Are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Have a legal dependent other than a spouse or registered domestic partner.
- Are married or a registered domestic partner AND you were not claimed as an income tax deduction by any individual other than spouse or domestic partner for the one tax year immediately preceding the term for which you are requesting resident classification.
- Are a ward of the court (Foster Care—Served by California’s child welfare system), or if both parents are deceased.

**When Parent(s) Do Not Reside in California—See Reverse Side**

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When Parents Do Not Reside in California

For undergraduate students, under 24 years old, whose parents do not reside in California or do not meet the UC's requirements for residence:

Financial Independence—Complete Self-Sufficiency

To prove financial independence (total self-sufficiency), you must be able to document that you have not been claimed as a tax deduction by your parents or anyone else, and that you have been supporting yourself for the two years prior to the term you are requesting consideration for resident status.

☐ Not claimed as an income tax dependent by any individual for two tax years immediately preceding the term,

AND

☐ Totally self-sufficient for two full years prior to the residence determination date.

The Residence Deputy will carefully evaluate the character and nature of each income source to determine if the student is truly self-sufficient.

Self-support (Self-sufficiency) is defined as money you have earned through your own employment or loans obtained on your own credit, without a co-signer; for example, earnings through jobs, financial aid, commercial/institutional loans in your name only, and savings from your earnings. You must be able to document that you have paid rent and all other expenses from your own earnings. Self-support includes, but is not limited to:

☐ Employment earnings. Your earnings must be verifiable with copies of W2 tax forms

☐ Institutional Loans obtained on your own credit, without a co-signer: UTMA or UGMA Accounts, or Irrevocable Trusts set up similarly to UTMA/UGMA Accounts. You must provide copy of the trust instrument for determination that they meet the requirements for financial independence

☐ Financial Aid Loans obtained without a co-signer,

☐ California-based Scholarships and Grants can be considered your income

Paying rent by your own means. You must be able to document that you have paid rent through an official rental/lease company contract and/or cancelled checks for each month rent was paid, and all other expenses from your own earnings

☐ Veterans. Vet Fee Waivers may be considered self-support.

Financial Assistance includes:

- Loans or Gifts. Non-institutional loans (personal loans) from parents or others, regardless of the terms: parent-based (PLUS) loans, or other co-signed bank loans made to you with a parent or other adult cosigning, or bank loans made to parents or others who turn the funds over to you.

- Bank Accounts in parents or others names and your name,

- 529 Plans, unless totally under your control, and

- Military. GI Bill (dependent transfer of credit)

Other Non-Institutional Support:

- Bartering for free or reduced (i.e. below market value) room and board or other necessities.

- Free or reduced (i.e., below market value) room and board provided by a relative or other individual.

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