FIU-1302 Florida Residency Status for Tuition Purposes

I. Purpose

This regulation establishes a uniform procedure for determining the residency status of students for tuition purposes at Florida International University (FIU), in accordance with Federal laws, section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, and Florida Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 7.005.

II. Responsible Offices

The Admissions Office and the Office of the University Registrar are designated as the authorities responsible for determining Florida Residency Status for Tuition Purposes for all FIU students. The College of Law and the College of Medicine maintain independent Admissions and Registrar's Offices to administer this function for their respective students.

III. Residency Declaration and Documentation

Each admitted student seeking classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes, or, if the student is a dependent, the student's parent or legal guardian, must submit a residency declaration accompanied by clear and convincing documentation. Such documentation must be credible, precise, and compelling, sufficient to establish legal residency in the State of Florida. The student, parent, or legal guardian must demonstrate legal residence in Florida for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the academic term for which residency classification is sought. The intent of residency must not be solely for educational purposes, except as otherwise provided by section 1009.21, Florida Statutes.

IV. Notice of Penalties

All students, or their parents or legal guardians if applicable, are required to review and acknowledge the written notice outlining penalties for intentional fraud or misrepresentation of residency status.

V. Submission Deadlines

Deadlines for submission of all documentation pertaining to residency determination are published each academic term on the Florida Residency website. Students are responsible for reviewing these deadlines. No exceptions will be granted; failure to meet the deadline will result in residency status changes effective in the subsequent term.

VI. Appeals Process

In accordance with section 1009.21 of the Florida Statutes and Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005, FIU has an established Florida Residency Appeal Process. This process allows students to appeal their out-of-state tuition decisions, ensuring fairness for all.
To appeal, students must submit a written request and supporting documentation to residency@fiu.edu. This can be done only once. The committee reviews appeals monthly and may request additional information to make a determination. Missing documentation will delay the review and could result in denial. The committee will inform students of their decision in writing. The Committee's decision on behalf of the institution is final and is not subject to any further appeals.

Additional information regarding classification, reclassification, and the appeals process of Florida residency for tuition purposes may be found at the Residency website.

VII. Additional Documentation

FIU reserves the right to request supplementary documentation as defined in section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, and BOG Regulation 7.005, to support initial classification or reclassification of residency status. FIU may also require documentation to verify citizenship status in accordance with section 1009.21(2)(d), Florida Statutes.

VIII. References:

- Florida Statute 1009.21 - Determination of resident status for tuition purposes
- Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005
- FIU policy - Florida Residency # 340.160
- Florida Residency website
- Florida Residency Catalog Information

Specific Authority: Florida Board of Governors Regulation 7.005. History – New 4/29/26.