

## Information for International Applicants Understanding Residency for Tuition Purposes

The following information is a basic explanation of the interplay between US immigration status and eligibility for resident tuition-paying status. In every case, all residency eligibility criteria--not just immigration status--must be met in order to qualify for resident tuition-paying status. This information does not replace the official residency rules and does not cover all possible individual circumstances.

**In most cases, to qualify for residency status, students must (1) hold US citizen, lawful permanent resident, refugee, or asylee status and (2) have lived in Indiana for 12 months without the predominant purpose of education prior to the start of the term in which requesting residency. However, several exceptions exist:**

- Exception 1:

**“Under 21” Rule (Rule 2):** A student who is under 21 years of age as of the first day of classes, lawfully present in the US, and living with one or both parents in Indiana is considered a resident. 12-month residence in Indiana is not required to qualify under this Exception.

F-1 and J-1 visa holders may qualify for residency status under this exception. Students must fill out a residency application in order for the Office of the Registrar to evaluate their request.

- Exception 2:

**Temporary immigration status permits establishment of a domicile in the US:** A student documenting a currently valid immigration status in one of the following categories may be classified as a resident, provided he/she otherwise has satisfied all residency conditions while in that status, including 12 months residence in Indiana without the predominant purpose of education while holding an eligible immigration status prior to the start of the term in which requesting residency:

A-1, A-2, A-3, E-1, E-2, E-3, G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, H-1B, H-4, I, L-1, L-2, O-1, O-3, V-1, V-2, V-3.

*F-1 and J-1 visa holders can never qualify for residency status under this exception.* A student who changes from an immigration status permitting IU residency classification (e.g. H-1B) to F-1 or J-1 status in order to pursue a full-time student program will have his/her status updated to nonresident by the Office of the Registrar.

*Immigration status on Day 1 of classes dictates residency status for that term.*

- Exception 3:

**I-485 Applicant.** If you are the beneficiary of an I-485 Application for Adjustment to Permanent Residence that has been pending with the USCIS for 12 months or longer, we recommend that you contact the Office of the Registrar for advice on whether you may be eligible for resident classification.

*Indiana state law requires a lawful U.S. immigration status to qualify for resident tuition.*

The rules determining eligibility for payment of resident tuition on IU campuses are established by the Board of Trustees for Indiana University, in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana and administered by the Office of the Registrar. As an international applicant, you are currently classified as a nonresident. If you believe that you may qualify to pay resident tuition based on one of the exceptions listed above, you should review the complete information located on the Registrar’s website (see below). Forms and procedures for filing an appeal are available online and should be submitted to the Registrar on your campus. For further assistance, contact the Office of the Registrar on the campus at which you are enrolled.

**IUPUI Office of the Registrar** <http://registrar.iupui.edu/resident.html>

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