



University of Hawaii Residency Information

To demonstrate Hawaii residency for tuition purposes, a person must be able to prove continuous physical presence with simultaneous acts of intent to make Hawaii the person's permanent home and abandonment of a prior domicile. A person in Hawaii primarily for higher educational purposes is presumed to be a non-resident. Presence must be documented with clear and compelling evidence to establish a domicile in Hawaii beyond the circumstances of being a student. Mere presence in Hawaii does not, by itself, constitute domicile. Any other clear and compelling evidence which supports your 12-24 continuous month's physical presence and demonstrated intent of Hawaii residency.

Examples of documentation include the following:

- Hawaii Resident Income Tax forms for the past 12-24 months
- Hawaii voter registration for the past 12-24 months
- Hawaii employment verification for the past 12- 24 months
- Hawaii residence, as documented by rental receipts, lease, or home ownership for the past 12-24 months.
- Hawaii business license w/State Department approval date
- Bank statements for the past 12-24 months (checking and savings)
- Hawaii driver's license
- Financial information for the past 12-24 month

No single evidence is decisive in determining residence.

The above documentation must indicate the date the action began/was approved/filed and should be the original, certified, or notarized copies of the original.

Appeals Procedures (Obtain Appeals forms and information from the Campus Residency Officer)

If you were classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes by the campus Residency Officer, you may file an appeal of your non-resident status by doing the following:

1. Pay your nonresident tuition. Tuition payment must be made before an appeal will be heard. Your tuition will be refunded should you decide to withdraw from classes after your hearing.
2. Complete and submit the Residency Appeal Form to your campus Residency Officer. Failure to appear by the specified deadline constitutes a waiver of your right to file such an appeal for the semester.

Listed below is information if you plan to register for 6+ credits as a non-resident: Presence in Hawai'i primarily to attend an institution of higher learning does not create residence status. A nonresident student enrolled for 6 credits or more during any term within the 12-month period is presumed to be in Hawai'i primarily to attend college. Such periods of enrollment cannot be applied toward the physical presence requirement. As a UH Maui College student you will be paying the Non-Resident tuition rate of \$340.00 per credit hour or \$4,080 for 12 credits. If at some later date, you decide to change your residency status from your current Non-Resident status to Resident, you will need to meet the current criteria.

Non-Resident students who enter any campus of the University of Hawaii may not be allowed to change his/her residency status from Non-Resident to Resident during any period in which he/she:

- is enrolled for 6 credits or more at any institution of higher learning in Hawaii
- was absent from Hawaii more than 30 days per year during school vacation periods;
- received student financial assistance based on residency in another state; or
- was a dependent of non-resident parent(s) or legal guardian