



To: LCCC Board of Trustees
From: Judy Hay, Vice President for Student Services
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Re: WCCC Chapter 3 Residency Rules Changes

In recent years Wyoming Community College Commission staff, with assistance from the state's registrars and Vice Presidents for Student Services worked to streamline their rules, and Chapter 3, Residency, was one of those. This rule was unique in that it referred to UW's University Regulation 8-1 in attempts to be consistent with UW for resident tuition. To eliminate conflicting language in Commission Rules for residency, most of the language was deleted, and a reference to University Regulation 8-1 was the main Rule language. With changes at UW that created possibilities for inconsistency and that were not relevant to community colleges, a change back to more detail in the Rules was needed. Commission staff and the CC Student Services Council reviewed Chapter 3 Rules to put language back into that chapter, and were recently approved by the Commission. The community colleges review these processes annually to provide a full catalog year of consistency for students.

Community college registrars and vice presidents also have a Guidelines document that further outlines the decisions we agree to make, along with a common Residency Appeal form for students to use who wish to appeal their status.

Changes recently approved by the WCCC:

- Acknowledgement that catalogs are all electronic, so elimination of a reference to providing three copies to the WCCC annually;
- Statement that the Commission will review tuition rates every two years instead of annually.
- Eliminate the blanket reference to UniReg 8-1;
- Eliminate the requirement that a student not be enrolled at a college for a semester in order to apply for reclassification of their status;
- Add language listing the various ways a student might show they have changed their residence officially to Wyoming, and shortened the time someone would need to live continuously in Wyoming to 6 months or more instead of a year;
- Left it up to each college as to how many of the ten ways to prove residency that a student must provide as evidence of residency;
- Inserted required language about military affiliation for residency purposes.

It is still in the Rules that a student classified as a resident for tuition purposes at one college or the University of Wyoming are considered a resident at any other of the state's community colleges.

Final step: Approval by the Governor's Office. Ten days after that, this Rule goes into effect.