



AP 5013

STUDENTS IN THE MILITARY

References:

Education Code Sections 68074, 68075, 68075.5, and 68075.7;
Title 5 Sections 55023, 55024, 54041, 54042, 54050, and 58620;
Military and Veterans Code Section 824;
38 U.S. Code Section 3679

Residence Determinations for Military Personnel and Dependents

A student who is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in California is entitled to resident classification. Such a student shall retain resident classification in the event that the member of the armed forces is thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside of California or thereafter retires from active duty, so long as the student remains continuously enrolled in the District.

An undergraduate student who is a natural or adopted child, stepchild, or spouse who is a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty and is in attendance at, or has been admitted to, the District shall be entitled to resident classification. Such students shall retain resident classification if they are thereafter transferred on military orders to a place outside of California, so long as the students remain continuously enrolled in the District.

A veteran who was discharged or released from at least 90 days of active service, commencing on or after July 1, 2015, and the veteran's dependents, regardless of the veteran's state of residence, are entitled to resident classification.

An individual who is the child or spouse of a person who, on or after September 11, 2001, died in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces who resides in California is entitled to resident classification.

An individual who is entitled to transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill program benefits by virtue of the relationship to a member of the uniformed services who is serving on active duty is entitled to resident classification.

A parent who is a federal civil service employee and the parent's natural or adopted dependent children are entitled to resident classification if the parent has moved to this state as a result of a military mission realignment action that involves the relocation of at least 100 employees. This classification shall continue until the student is entitled to be



classified as a resident, so long as the student continuously attends an institution of public higher education.

A student claiming the residence classifications provided for in this procedure must provide a statement from the student's commanding officer or personnel officer providing evidence of the date of the assignment to California, and that the assignment to active duty in California is not for educational purposes. A student claiming the residence classifications provided for here for the dependent of military personnel shall provide a statement from the military person's commanding officer or personnel officer that the military person's duty station is in California on active duty as of the residence determination date, or has been transferred outside of California on active duty after the residence determination date, or that the military person has retired from active duty after the residence determination date. (Title 5 Sections 54041 and 54042)

Withdrawal Policies for Members of the Military

A student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service and who receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses shall be permitted to withdraw upon verification of such orders. A withdrawal symbol may be assigned which may be a "MW." Military withdrawal shall not be counted in progress probation, dismissal calculations, or in calculating the permitted number of withdrawals. In no case may a military withdrawal result in a student being assigned an "FW" grade. In no case may a college require a student who is required to report for military duty to withdraw from a course by a specified date in order to receive a full refund of the tuition and fees the student paid to the college for the academic term in which the student was required to report for military service.

A student requesting a Military Withdrawal may request the Military Withdrawal Request Form from Admissions & Records or www.sbcc.edu/forms.

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