

Twelve Things You NEED to Know about Residency Reclassification

1. Residency Reclassification criteria are established by Florida law and Florida Department of Education regulations. The Admissions, Registration and Records Office CANNOT waive State/DOE criteria for ANY reason.
2. Living in Florida for a year or longer **DOES NOT** automatically qualify you for in-state tuition (Florida residency).
3. Under Florida law, there is a difference between being a “Florida Resident” and being a “Florida Resident for Tuition Purposes.”
4. To be considered a “Florida Resident for Tuition Purposes, you MUST prove through OFFICIAL and/or LEGAL DOCUMENTS that you have moved to Florida permanently and not merely living in Florida temporarily while you attend HCC.
5. All supporting documents (for example: drivers license, vehicle registration, voter registration card) MUST be dated 12 COMPLETE MONTHS prior to the first day of classes for the requested reclassification term. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this requirement.
6. The Admissions, Registration and Records Office CANNOT consider personal justifications for documents not meeting the 12-month requirement. For example: “I have one now, but I did not get a driver’s license when I moved here a year ago because . . .” CANNOT be considered.
7. Leases and employment verification show physical presence ONLY. By themselves they DO NOT qualify you for Residency Reclassification.
8. Ties to another state or country WILL DISQUALIFY you from Residency Reclassification.
9. Evidence that you are the financial dependent of an out-of-state resident MAY DISQUALIFY you from Residency Reclassification.
10. Financial hardship CANNOT be considered in Residency Reclassification.
11. Despite the length of time you attend HCC, you MAY NOT qualify for “Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes.”
12. You can learn more about Residency Reclassification requirements from your current Catalog or online at http://www.facts.org/html_sw/residencyGuidelines.html