

## Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes

Arizona institutions of higher education are funded by the State of Arizona. Since nonresident students (and their families) generally have not contributed to the source of this funding of public education in Arizona, they are required to pay fees that more closely represent the actual cost of their education.

The rules and regulations for establishing residency for tuition purposes are defined by the [Arizona Board of Regents](#), which is authorized by the Arizona Legislature and the state statutes (section A.R.S., 15-1801 through 1807).

An individual must establish residency in Arizona BEFORE he or she is entitled to pay resident tuition rates. The requirements to establish residency for tuition purposes are independent from those of other types of residency, such as voting or holding public office.

NAU graduate students who have questions about residency should contact the Graduate College at 523-4349 in Flagstaff, or e-mail your residency questions to [graduatecollege@nau.edu](mailto:graduatecollege@nau.edu)

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