

Information on Residency Requirements for Tuition Purposes

To be considered a Virginia resident for tuition purposes an individual must demonstrate residence in Virginia for at least 12 months prior to the start of classes and an intent to remain in Virginia indefinitely.

Several factors are used to determine if a person demonstrates intent to remain in Virginia indefinitely. These factors include:

- Continuous residence in Virginia
- Social and economic ties
- Ownership of real property
- Sources of financial support
- Current employment in Virginia
- Employment in Virginia post-graduation
- Military records
- State to which income taxes are paid
- Voter registration and actual voting
- Driver's license
- Motor vehicle registration

Being a non-U.S. citizen does not automatically disqualify an individual from establishing residency in Virginia for tuition purposes. If you are not a citizen you will need to present your immigration documentation to VCU.

If you believe you qualify as a Virginia resident for tuition purposes, please complete the Application for Virginia In-state Tuition rates found at:

<http://www.vcu.edu/graduate/pdfs/vatuition.pdf>