

Choose one of the following options for proving Idaho residency for tuition purposes

Dependent Student

Student receives more than 50% of financial support from parent/guardian who has been domiciled in Idaho for prior 12 months

Independent Student

Student receives less than 50% of financial support from parent/guardian; has been domiciled and physically resided in Idaho for purposes other than education for 12 months prior to the first day of the term

Idaho K – 12 Student

Student graduated from Idaho high school or completed 6 years of elementary and secondary school in Idaho, and is matriculating within 8 years immediately following high school graduation

Married to an Idaho Resident

Married to an Idaho resident, except a student who was enrolled as a full-time student during the 12 months before the term in which the student proposes to enroll as a resident student must independently establish residency

Armed Forces (U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard and their reserve forces)

Student is a member, spouse or dependent child of a member of the Armed Forces ("AF") and the member:

1. Entered the AF as an Idaho resident, has maintained Idaho residency but is stationed outside of Idaho;
2. Is stationed in Idaho on military orders;
3. Is in the Idaho National Guard;
4. Separated honorably from AF after at least 2 years of service and at time of separation designated Idaho as intended domicile or has Idaho as home of record in service, and enrolls within 1 year of date of separation;
5. Separated honorably from AF after at least 2 years of service and at time of separation designated Idaho as intended domicile or has Idaho as home of record in service, and enrolls within 1 year of date of separation;
6. Is an AF veteran, served for at least 2 years, separated under honorable conditions, and moved to Idaho for the purpose of establishing domicile and will take steps to establish domicile in Idaho within on (1) year of registration at the institution

Idaho Native American Tribe(s)

Member of one of the following Idaho Native American Tribes:

Nez- Perce,
Coeur d'Alene,
Shoshone-Paiute,
Kootenai,
Shoshone-Bannock,
Eastern Shoshone,
Northwestern Shoshone

Graduate Students

Student enrolled in a graduate or professional program qualifies for Idaho residency for tuition purposes if the student enrolls within 36 months after receiving a baccalaureate degree from an Idaho public or private higher education institution and the student resided in Idaho during the last 12 months of the undergraduate program

“Domicile” means the “individual’s true, fixed and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where that individual intends to remain, and to which that individual expects to return when that individual leaves without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere.” Idaho Code, 37-3717B(1)(a).

The establishment of domicile in Idaho by a person formerly domiciled in another state has occurred if the person has resided in Idaho for the prior 12 months and one of the following:

a. If an undergraduate, is physically present in Idaho primarily for purposes other than educational. An undergraduate student who is enrolled as a full-time student in any term during the prior 12 months shall be presumed to be in Idaho primarily for educational purposes. Such period of enrollment is not counted toward the establishment of a domicile in Idaho unless the student can provide proof of full-time employment in Idaho for the prior 12 month period and the filing of an Idaho state resident income tax return for the prior tax year.

OR

b. Is a full-time student in a graduate or professional program.

Factors for determining domicile (timeframe: prior 12 months)

1.
Permanent full-time employment or the hourly equivalent thereof in Idaho

And

2.
Filing of Idaho state income tax return covering prior tax year

5 of the following, if you were not attending school full-time in the prior year:

Or

1)
Ownership or leasing of a residence in Idaho

2)
Registration and payment of Idaho taxes or fees, other than sales tax, including registration and payment of Idaho taxes or fees on a motor vehicle, mobile home, travel trailer, or other item of personal property

3)
Registration to vote for state elected officials in Idaho at a general election

4)
Holding an Idaho’s driver’s license or state-issued identification card

5)
Evidence of the abandonment of a previous domicile.

6)
Establishment of accounts with financial institutions in Idaho

7)
Other similar factors indicating intent to be domiciled in Idaho and the maintenance of such a domicile

A "nonresident student" is:

A student who does not meet the requirements for proving Idaho residency as set forth in Idaho Code, Section 33-3717B

A student attending an Idaho Institution with financial assistance provided by another country or governmental unit or agency

A person who is not a citizen of the United States of America, unless the student can provide proof of lawful presence in the United States. "Lawful presence" is verified through the means set forth in Idaho Code, Section 67-7903.

Relevant Law and Regulations

The statutory and regulatory provisions relevant to residency determinations may be found via the following documents:

- Idaho Code Section 33-3717B (institutions other than community colleges)
- Idaho Code Section 33-2110A (community colleges)
- Idaho Board of Education Policy V.Q. (institutions other than community colleges)