

UW REGULATION 8-1 Students

I. ADMISSION

Admission and programs of the University of Wyoming are offered to all eligible people without regard to race, gender, religion, color, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, creed, ancestry, political belief, or any other applicable protected category. Requirements for admission to the University shall be established by regulations of the University. The Director of Admissions, through the Vice President for Student Affairs, is responsible for the admission of students. Admission of graduate students must also be approved by the faculty of an applicable graduate program.

II. FEES

Student tuition fees, and charges (Fees) shall be established by the Trustees, and shall be published by the University. All Fees are payable in advance, and no student shall be admitted to classes until Fees have been paid or a deferred payment plan has been established. Payment must be received by the University before any transcripts will be released. In accordance with the University refund policy, if a student formally withdraws from the University, the University shall refund tuition, minus any late fees.

III. STUDENT CLASSIFICATION FOR FEE PURPOSES

Individuals who qualify as Wyoming Residents shall pay the in-state tuition rate, as established by the Board of Trustees. All other individuals shall pay the out-of-state tuition rate, as established by the Board of Trustees. For the purposes of determining whether a student qualifies for in-state or out of state tuition, the following guidelines apply:

- A.** Residing in Wyoming primarily as a student will not support a claim for resident status. The following students are considered Wyoming residents:
 - 1.** Individuals who are financial dependents or under the age of 24 with a parent, guardian or spouse who lives in the State of Wyoming.
 - 2.** Graduates of a Wyoming high school.
 - 3.** Active Wyoming National Guard members and U.S. Armed Forces members stationed in Wyoming, and their dependents.
 - 4.** Graduate students with University-funded fellowships.

5. Wyoming residents temporarily absent from the State due to military service, attendance at an educational institution, or other type of documented temporary sojourn.
6. Individuals who have been awarded resident tuition status at a Wyoming Community College and who attend the University within one year of leaving the Wyoming Community College.
7. The spouse or financial dependent of an individual who is determined to be a Wyoming resident pursuant to this Regulation.
8. Individuals with a permanent home in Wyoming. To determine if a permanent Wyoming home has been established, a variety of factors are considered including evidence that any former home has been abandoned, full-time employment in Wyoming for one continuous year, ownership of home or property in Wyoming, one year of continual presence in Wyoming, former Wyoming residency and maintaining state ties, reliance on Wyoming resources for full financial support, Wyoming vehicle registration, Wyoming address on most recent federal income tax return, a valid Wyoming driver's license, and Wyoming voter registration. No one factor determines residence status.
9. Effective for the 2015 summer school session and each semester thereafter, an applicant for resident tuition who is a veteran or eligible individual, as described in 38 U.S. C. 3679(c)(2), shall qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition at the University of Wyoming if the applicant provides:
 - a. A certificate or other evidence of the veteran's qualifying service in the uniformed services of the United States;
 - b. Documented evidence at the time of enrollment that:
 - (1) The applicant for resident tuition intends to live in Wyoming during the term of enrollment;
 - (2) The veteran was discharged or released from a qualifying period of service in the active military, naval or air service before the date of enrollment;

(3) If the applicant is a spouse or a child of the veteran, the applicant is a transferee pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3311(b)(9) or 3319 of the veteran's eligibility for educational benefits.

c. A person who has qualified for resident tuition pursuant to the above requirements of this section, shall remain qualified in subsequent years if the person pursues one or more courses of education while remaining continuously enrolled, other than during regularly scheduled breaks, lives in the state during the term of enrollment, and, if the person is eligible through a transfer of eligibility pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3319, the transfer has not been validly revoked.

B. The following students are considered non-residents:

1. Individuals who do not qualify under Section A above; and
2. Individuals who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents except as provided by Section A2above.

IV. APPEALING TUITION DETERMINATIONS

Students may appeal their classification as a resident or a non-resident through the following process:

- A. A student assigned a non-resident classification may submit a request for reclassification to the Registrar or designee. The student must submit the request and accompanying documentation on or before the first day of classes.
- B. If the Registrar or designee does not grant reclassification, the student may appeal that decision to the Residence Classification Committee within twenty (20) calendar days of the date of the Registrar's or designee's decision. The Committee is chaired by the Registrar or designee, who is a nonvoting member, and consists of three voting members appointed by the President or designee. In addition to reviewing student residency classification appeals, the Committee also has the authority to:
 1. Render interpretations and rulings at the request of the Registrar; and
 2. Consider University policies in the area of residence classification and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

- C. Individuals may be reclassified for the following term when facts indicate that a change in residency has occurred since the time of original residence classification or since their most recent appeal. Reclassification as an in-state student will not be applied retroactively to previous terms.

V. REDUCED TUITION

The following non-resident individuals shall receive reduced tuition rates calculated at one hundred fifty percent (150%) of resident tuition:

- A. Graduates of the University;
- B. Spouses of graduates of the University; and
- C. Children of graduates of the University.

VI. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships, other than those from external sources, are established by the Trustees or by Statute. A listing of such scholarships shall be published on the University Student Financial Aid website.

VII. DISMISSAL

Dismissal of students shall be governed by UW Regulation 8-30 and/or UW Regulation 8-229.

VIII. STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The University may provide work opportunities for students to assist in meeting costs associated with progress toward their educational objectives and educational benefits. See the University Employee Handbook for rules, policies, and procedures governing student employees.

IX. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) is hereby recognized as an official organization of the University (see UW Regulation 8-249). All other campus student organizations must apply annually for official University recognition in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in UW Regulation 8-234.

X. STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

All student publications supported by University facilities or funds shall be approved by, and subject to the direction of, the University Student Media Board. The Board shall report to the President of the University (see UW Regulation 8-38).

XI. ADMINISTRATION

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall administer this Regulation.

Source:

Trustee Regulation VIII; adopted 7/17/08 Board of Trustees meeting

Revisions adopted 11/18/10 Board of Trustees meeting

Revisions adopted 11/12/14 Board of Trustees meeting

Revisions adopted 1/15/15 Board of Trustees meeting

Revisions adopted 4/13/15 Board of Trustees meeting