

CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION REQUEST

(AB 540 as amended by Education Code section 68130.5, Effective Jan. 1, 2018)

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete and sign this form to request exemption from nonresident tuition charged to nonresident students. Once determined to be eligible, you will continue to receive the exemption as long as you fulfill eligibility requirements or until the College or University no longer offers this exemption. Applying for this exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay, by the campus deadline, any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be due before

... I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T and U visa)

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2.) Select all items that apply to you from each column:

Column A	Column B
... I attended a combination of California high school, adult school, and community college for the equivalent of three (3) years or more.*	... I have graduated or will graduate with a California high school diploma or have the equivalent (i.e. California-issued GED, CHSPE).
... I have three (3) or more years of California high school coursework and attended a combination of California elementary, secondary, and high school of three (3) years or more.†	... I have completed or will complete an associate's degree from a California Community College.
	... I have completed or will complete the minimum requirements at a California Community College for transfer to the California State University or the University of California.

* A year's equivalence at a California community college is either a minimum of 24 semester units of credit or 36 quarter units of credit. For noncredit courses, a year's attendance is a minimum of 420 class hours per year (a semester is equivalent to a minimum of 210 hours and a quarter is equivalent to a minimum of 140 hours). Full-time attendance at a California adult school is a minimum of 420 hours of attendance for each school year.

† This provision addresses both a coursework and an attendance requirement, which can both be satisfied in three or more years.

Please provide information on the schools you attended and referenced above, including the dates you attended and the number of credits obtained or hours completed:

Name of CA School	Type of School (high school, adult school or community college)	City	From (Month/Year)	To (Month/Year)	Number of Credits or Hours

Applicants must submit, as part of this form, official transcripts/attendance records that validate any of the information above as requested by the College, District, or University residence official.

AFFIDAVIT:

By signing this document below, I hereby state that if I am a non-citizen without a current or valid immigration status, I have filed an application to legalize my immigration status or will file an application as soon as I am eligible to do so.

DECLARATION OF TRUE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury that the information I have provided on this form is true and accurate. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption. I further understand that if any of the above information is found to be false, I will be liable for payment of all nonresident tuition charges from which I was exempted and may be subject to disciplinary action by the College or University.

FULL NAME

CAMPUS ID NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Any student, other than one with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **nonimmigrant** visa status (see exception below for students who have been granted T or U visa status), who meets all of the following requirements, shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at the California Community Colleges, the University of California, and the California State University (all public colleges and universities in California).¹

- A student is exempt from paying nonresident tuition if the student meets ~~one~~ the following four requirements:

1. The student must have:

- x attended a combination of California high school, adult school, and California Community College for the equivalent of three years or more,² or
- x attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school course work **and** attended a combination of elementary, middle and/or high schools in California ~~for a total of 12 units~~

credit or credit or 36 quarter units of credit. For noncredit courses, a year's attendance is a minimum of 420 hours, 210 hours for a semester, and 140 hours a quarter.

- The accumulation of credit and/or non-credit in any academic year shall be calculated in reference to a year's equivalence. Partial completion in an academic year is allowed. (Example: 12 units of credit courses in an academic year is equal to a semester for purposes of determining eligibility.)
- Attendance in credit courses at a California Community College towards the attendance requirements shall not exceed two years of full-time attendance.
- The student must file an exemption request including a signed affidavit with the college that indicates the student has met all applicable conditions described above. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law.
- Students eligible for this exemption who are transferring to another California public college or university must submit a new request (and documentation if required) to each college under consideration.
- Nonresident students meeting the criteria will be exempted from the payment of nonresident tuition, but they will ~~v }~~ be classified as California residents. They continue to be "nonresidents".
- The California Dream Act extends Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, Cal Grant C awards, the California Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG fee waiver), Chaffee grants, and institutional financial aid to students that meet these criteria as well as the applicable criteria for eligibility for specific types of financial aid.
- AB540 does not provide federal student financial aid eligibility for undocumented students. These students remain ineligible for federal financial aid.

PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING THIS EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION

California Community Colleges: Complete the form entitled California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request. Submit it to the Admissions Office at the community college where you are enrolled or intend to enroll. You may be required to submit additional documentation. Call the college Admissions Office if you have questions.

