



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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TO: Student Development Administrators
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From: Wanda White, Director Financial Aid and Student Success

Subject: S.L. 2015-116: In-State Tuition For Certain Veterans and Other Individuals

Effective July 1, 2015, S.L. 2015-116 (S478), In-State Tuition for Certain Veterans/Federal Program, makes certain veterans and other individuals eligible for in-State tuition if certain conditions are met (see attached legislation).

For veterans, the 12 month residency requirement for in-State tuition is waived for any veteran who meets all of the following criteria:

- Served active duty for at least 90 days in the Armed Forces, the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.
- Qualifies for and uses federal educational benefits under either the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Education Program or the Post -9/11 Educational Assistance.
- Qualifies for admission to the community college.
- Enrolls within 3 years of the veteran's discharge or release.
- The veteran's abode is North Carolina, meaning the veteran must actually live in NC, whether temporarily or permanently.
- Provides the college with a letter of intent to establish legal residence in North Carolina.

For other individuals, the 12 month residency requirement is waived if the person meets all of the following criteria:

- The person is the recipient of a veteran's federal educational benefits under either 38 USC Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Education Program) or 38 USC Chapter 33 (Post -9/11 Educational Assistance).
- The person qualifies for admission and enrolls in a community college within 3 years of the veteran's discharge or release from the Armed Forces, the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- The person's abode is North Carolina meaning the person must actually live in NC, whether temporarily or permanently.
- The person provides the institution of higher education with a letter of intent to establish legal residence in North Carolina.

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Furthermore, after the expiration of the three-year period, any enrolled veteran or other enrolled individual eligible for the educational benefits listed above and for whom the 12-month residency requirement was waived will continue to be eligible for the in-State tuition rate so long as the veteran or qualified individual remains continuously enrolled at the same institution of higher education.

S.L. 2015-116 applies to qualifying veterans and other individuals listed above who enroll in institutions of higher education for any academic quarter, term, or semester that begins on or after July 1, 2015.

Colleges should continue to follow the same residency processes which they have in place at their institutions. The statewide Centralized Residency process will become effective in August of 2016. Students who meet these new requirements during the 2016-17 academic year will be identified through Centralized Residency process.

Student seeking assistance should be directed to your campus Veterans Affairs and/or Financial Aid Office. Additional questions can be directed your local Veteran's Administration Office.

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