OP 31.02 LEGAL RESIDENT STATUS

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Operating Policy is to ensure an understanding about the standardized procedures concerning the legal resident status at Mississippi State University.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

Students are classified as in-state or out-of-state for the purpose of paying University tuition and fees. The initial classification will be made by the Admissions Office or the Graduate School or the College of Veterinary Medicine at the time a student's application for admission is processed.

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) policies implement the Mississippi State Code (State Law) of 1972 (Amended) that pertain to in-state residency status for tuition and fees purposes at Mississippi State University. These residency policies are in accordance with IHL Policy 610.

The burden of proof for establishing in-state residency resides with the student. It is the individual student's responsibility to report any change that will affect his or her residency status under these policies. Offices within Enrollment Services are authorized to change a student's residency status upon receipt of evidence that the student is improperly classified. When a student's residency status has changed, he or she may request admissions offices to review the circumstances and documentation pertaining to his or her residency situation and make a determination as to his or her qualification as an in-state or out-of-state student.

Petitions for change of residency must be made on or before the last day a student may regularly register for a particular period of enrollment as provided by aforementioned IHL policy.

REVIEW

This OP will be reviewed every four years (or whenever circumstances require an earlier review) by the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services with recommendations for revision presented to the Provost and Executive Vice President.

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