

**Board of Trustees**  
Washtenaw Community College

<b>ACTION</b>
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-4800

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Subject

Date

Revisions to Policy 2030, Residency Policy

July 23, 2013

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to Policy 2030, Residency Policy, as submitted.

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Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Vice President

Rose B. Bellanca, President

Student and Academic Services

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## **Proposed Change to Policy 2030 – Residency**

The Federal government has approved the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program which allows individuals who were brought into the United States as children to begin the process of establishing legal residence. Individuals may apply for DACA approval if the following criteria are met:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching their 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making their request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Individuals granted DACA status are issued a social security number and have been granted permission to work. The DACA status provides for legal presence in the United States for two years and may be extended for an additional two years. Within that four year period, individuals may be eligible to apply for permanent residency status.

Under our current policy, individuals may be classified as in-district, out-district, or out-state residents if they are U.S. citizens, or have permanent resident alien (green card), asylum, or refugee status through the INS. Individuals on visas or not in one of the fore mentioned categories are classified with out-country residency. The proposed policy change adds individuals with valid DACA status to those who can establish a residency status based on their place of residence – in-district, out-district, or out-state.

The proposed policy change also waives the requirement of residing in the state of Michigan for six months before establishing in-district or out-district residency for military veterans and their dependents moving into Michigan.

**NEW**

## **2030 -- RESIDENCY POLICY**

### **Policy Statement:**

Students enrolling at Washtenaw Community College shall be classified in-district, out-district, out-state, or out-country at the time of enrollment.

### **Guidelines:**

#### **Classification of Residence**

Applicants who are U.S. citizens or who have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee, or valid DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) status through the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be classified as In-District, Out-District, or Out-State students:

#### **In-District Students are**

- Applicants who are legal residents in
- Applicants who live with and whose spouse is a legal resident in
- Applicants who live with and are dependent on a parent or a legal guardian who is a legal resident in

the Washtenaw Community College District

- immediately prior to the first day of the semester if previous residency was within Michigan
- 6 months immediately prior to the first day of the semester if previous residency was outside of Michigan

#### **Out-District Students are**

- applicants who do not meet the requirements of an in-district student, but who are and have been legal residents of the State of Michigan for at least six months.

#### **Out-State Students are**

- applicants who reside outside the state or who have not been legal residents of the state of Michigan for at least six months or applicants who do not sufficiently document their residence.

#### **Out-Country Students are**

- applicants who are not U.S. citizens or do not have permanent resident alien, asylum, refugee, or valid DACA status through the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

**NEW****Aspects of Residency**

- A. The residency of a student will be based on the address of the student's legal residence.
- B. The legal residency of a student will be established using methods recommended by the State of Michigan.
- C. The residency of minors (under 18) shall follow that of their parents or legal guardian. Students under 18 may qualify as in-district residents regardless of their parent's residence if they can provide sufficient evidence they are independently supporting themselves and are legal residents in the Washtenaw Community College District.
- D. The residency of any person, other than a parent or legal guardian, who may furnish funds for payment of college fees, shall in no way affect the residency of the student.
- E. Those students who are transferred to the State by the military or have been discharged from the military within the last six months must present appropriate documentation to waive the six month Michigan residency requirement. WCC values our military veterans and service members. The six month in state residency requirement may be waived for an honorably discharged veteran student and any student currently serving in the military. Appropriate documentation is required for the student and dependent(s).
- F. The student may petition to officially change residency status by supplying proof of residence to the Student Records Office. Students petitioning to change their residency for a specified semester must do so by the published deadline for that semester. Residency changes made after the deadline will take effect the following semester.

**Outcomes:**

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