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Guidelines for Determination of Residency For the Purpose of Admission and Assessment of Tuition and Fees

Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine *Effective fall 2015 semester*

The tuition and fees for Mississippi residents at Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine (MSU-CVM) is based on the cost of developing, enhancing, and delivering the veterinary medical curriculum, less financial support received from the State of Mississippi.

The tuition and fees for non-resident students, who come to Mississippi for the purpose of earning a veterinary medical degree, is based on the cost of developing, enhancing, and delivering the veterinary medical curriculum.

All persons applying to the MSU-CVM shall be classified as a Mississippi resident or non-resident student for the purposes of administering the admission process, tuition charges and other fees. The initial residency classification will be made by the Admissions Office or the College of Veterinary Medicine at the time a student's application for admission is processed. The residency classification determination will be made consistent with applicable federal and state law, and IHL Board and University policy. When applying for admission to MSU-CVM, it is the applicant's responsibility to state his or her correct state of residency on the Veterinary Medical College Application Service (VMCAS) application or the Early Entry Program Petition for Matriculation into the D.V.M. Program. If an applicant has a question regarding his or her residency classification, the applicant should contact the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs in the MSU-CVM Office of Student Admissions at least one month prior to submitting his or her application. The burden of proof for establishing in-state residency resides with the student.

An applicant who is classified by the MSU-CVM as a non-resident applicant may appeal the classification to the Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs in the MSU-CVM Office of Student Admissions. The applicant must submit the appeal in writing and must submit all documentation desired for consideration simultaneously with the written appeal using documentation as described below.

All requirements for Mississippi resident status must be met no later than the date of the first scheduled day of classes for first-year DVM students at MSU-CVM.

Each successful applicant must enter a contract with the MSU-CVM prior to final acceptance for admission in which the applicant agrees and obligates himself/herself to pay the tuition, fees and expenses applicable to the applicant's Mississippi resident or non-resident status, as determined by the MSU-CVM, that exists on

the date of the first scheduled day of classes for first-year DVM students at MSU-CVM; further, the applicant must agree and obligate himself/herself in the contract to continue to pay the tuition, fees and expenses during the applicant's entire MSU-CVM DVM educational experience that are applicable to that same initial status determination.

An admitted applicant's status will not change for his or her entire MSU-CVM veterinary medical educational period.

Petition for Change of Residency Classification.

A person who enters the State of Mississippi from another state and enters an educational institution is considered a non-resident. Any person who has after attaining the age of twenty-one (21) and has since their twenty-first birthday established residency and resided within the State of Mississippi for twelve (12) consecutive months may: (1) upon sworn affidavit and other representation, and (2) who can prove financial independence, petition for a change in residency classification for the purposes of fees and tuition assessment.

Residency changes are not retroactive, and the following conditions apply:

1. The institution may make reasonable inquiry into the validity of the petitioner's claim.
2. A petition for change of residency must be received prior to the last day a student may register without penalty of the term for which the student is applying for residency.

Factors Regarding Residency

Although domicile and residency for educational purposes are largely matters of intention, this intention is determined objectively from the facts and circumstances surrounding a claim of in-state residency. Some of the factors relevant to determining residency include:

- Actual physical residence of habitation
- Length of time at actual physical residence - Residence used for income tax, loan, banking and other purposes
- Voter registration
- Motor vehicle registration (Persons moving into the state on a permanent basis have 30 days to register vehicles.)
- Driver's license held (Persons moving into the state on a permanent basis have 60 days to acquire driver's licenses.)
- State to which personal income taxes or other taxes paid
- Status of income sources
- Location of bank, savings and other accounts

Student's Responsibility

It is the student's responsibility to immediately report to the Assistant Dean for Admission and Student Affairs any changes that may affect the student's residency status.

If a student misrepresents his or her residency status or provides false or misleading information, the student will be responsible for paying the tuition and/or fees the student would have otherwise been required to pay and will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

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