

Tuition Residency Reclassification Information

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions determines a student's classification for tuition residency for the first semester at Framingham State University (FSU) for all newly-admitted students. Thereafter, the Office of the University Registrar reviews all student requests for changes in Residency for In-State Tuition Purposes.

Enrolled students classified as non-Massachusetts residents for tuition purposes who believe they may qualify for in-state tuition effective the following academic semester, may submit a Tuition Residency Reclassification Application. Supporting documentation is required to substantiate residency for tuition purposes. Before submitting an application for Tuition Residency Reclassification, please review the requirements for "Massachusetts Residency for In-State Tuition Purposes".

Tuition Residency Reclassification Applications must be submitted with complete documentation to the Office of the University Registrar no later than the last day of the Course Add/Drop period. Applications received after this date will **not** be used to determine residency for the current semester. Approved tuition residency reclassification will not be applied retroactively to previous semesters.

Important Facts about Tuition Residency Reclassification

1. Tuition Residency Reclassification criteria have been established by the Board of Trustees of Framingham State University in conjunction with the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.
2. Living in Massachusetts for a year or longer DOES NOT automatically qualify a student for Massachusetts Residency for In-State Tuition purposes at Framingham State University.
3. Per the aforementioned regulations, classification by other state agencies as being a "Massachusetts Resident" and being a "Massachusetts Resident for Tuition Purposes" may differ.
4. To be considered a "Massachusetts Resident for Tuition Purposes," a student MUST prove through OFFICIAL and/or LEGAL DOCUMENTS that the student has moved to Massachusetts permanently and not merely living in Massachusetts temporarily while attending FSU.
5. All supporting documents (for example: driver's license, vehicle registration, voter registration card) MUST be dated twelve (12) COMPLETE MONTHS prior to the first day of classes for the requested reclassification semester. Massachusetts Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Code requires individuals to obtain a Massachusetts driver's license and register their vehicle within thirty (30) days of moving to the State regardless if their license or registration has not expired from the previous state resided in.
6. Leases and employment verification show physical presence ONLY. These types of documents alone DO NOT qualify the student for In-Tuition Residency Reclassification.
7. Ties to another state or country WILL DISQUALIFY the student from Tuition Residency Reclassification.
8. Evidence that the student is the financial dependent of an out-of-state resident WILL DISQUALIFY the student from Tuition Residency Reclassification.
9. Financial hardship CANNOT be considered in Tuition Residency Reclassification.
10. Despite the length of time the student attends FSU, the student MAY NOT qualify for "Massachusetts Residency for Tuition Purposes."
11. It is imperative that each applicant show proof of a bona fide domicile, rather than a mere temporary residence associated with enrollment in an institution of higher education, during the requisite 12-month qualifying period. A domicile on campus or at an affiliated housing does not qualify as a bona fide domicile.
12. The e-mail listed on the Tuition Residency Reclassification Application will be the primary means of communication with the Office of the University Registrar, during the tuition residency reclassification process.
13. More information about Tuition Residency Reclassification requirements may be found in the University's Undergraduate Catalog or online. (see the "Financial Information" section).