

MEMORANDUM

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To: CSU Presidents
CSU Provosts/Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs
CSU Vice Presidents for Student Affairs
CSU Vice Presidents of Business and Finance

From: Eric G. Forbes, Assistant Vice Chancellor



Subject: Extension of Nonresident Tuition Exemption for Veterans

As of January 1, 2014, SB 290 (passed into law October, 2013) provides a one-year of nonresident tuition exemption to be used within two years for former military service members who have resided in California for more than one year prior to being honorably discharged from active federal service. To verify that the potential student or student veteran is eligible for section 68075.5, campuses are encouraged to use the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, to meet evidential requirements in accordance with Title V, section 41906, Evidence Required for Application of Statutory Exceptions to Non-Resident Tuition Classification. Please make sure your staff is aware of this change to California Educational Code, section 68075.5 shown below.

SECTION 1. Section 68075.5 of the Education Code is amended to read: 68075.5. (a) Except as provided for in subdivisions (b) and (c), a student of the California Community Colleges or the California State University who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition for the length of time he or she lives in this state after being discharged up to the minimum time necessary to become a resident.

(b) (1) Except as provided for in subdivision (c), a student enrolled, or intending to enroll, at a campus of the California Community Colleges, or as an undergraduate at a campus of the California State University, who was a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in this state on active duty for more than one year immediately prior to being discharged shall be exempt from paying nonresident tuition for up to one year if he or she files an affidavit with the institution at which he or she is enrolled, or intends to enroll, stating that he or she intends to establish residency in California as soon as possible.

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(2) The one-year exemption provided in paragraph (1) shall be used by the student within two years of being discharged.

(c) A former member of the Armed Forces of the United States who received a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge shall not be eligible for an exemption pursuant to this section.

SEC. 2. The Legislature requests the Regents of the University of California to enact, pursuant to Section 68134 of the Education Code, a resolution that exempts from nonresident tuition students of that university who meet the requirements applicable to students of the California Community Colleges and the California State University under Section 68075.5 of the Education Code.

If you have any questions about this memorandum, you may contact Dr. Pat O'Rourke, Director of Active Duty and Veterans Affairs at 562-951-4130 or porourke@calstate.edu.

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