

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy – 3.3.8



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PURPOSE

This policy was created in compliance with University of Arkansas Board of Trustees Policy 520.7 Fees for Veterans and Military Personnel.

DEFINITIONS

Official Arkansas Residency Classification – This status refers to a student’s official, legal classification of Arkansas resident or non-resident as defined in UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1 and UA Board of Trustees Policy 520.8.

Tuition Residency Exception – A tuition residency exception allows a student to be charged tuition at a rate different from their Official Arkansas Residency Classification based upon an approved scenario. The Bursar’s and Financial Aid Offices use tuition residency exceptions in the application of tuition charges and packaging of financial aid awards. Students receiving a tuition residency exception will appear as out-of-state/non-resident for all other reporting purposes because a tuition residency exception does not impact a student’s official Arkansas Residency Classification.

Dependent – For purposes of this policy, a dependent is classified in one of the following ways:

- 1) Dependent child as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. Cannot attain the age of 24 during the calendar year to receive a tuition discount for any term within that calendar year.
- 2) Dependent student as determined through submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- 3) Student determined to be eligible for transferred Post-9/11 Benefits, Chapter 30 or Chapter 31 (VR&E) Benefits, or Dependent Educational Assistance (DEA) benefits from the eligible Service Member.

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POLICY

UAMS shall provide a tuition residency exception to all students who are veterans or active duty members of the armed forces, their spouses, and their dependents as defined above, in accordance with Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, 38 U.S.C. 3679(c), as amended, Arkansas Code Annotated § 6- 60-205, and UA BOT 520.7.

PROCEDURE

Prospective student applicants must notify UAMS of their status through the application for admission, or by speaking with their admissions officer during the application process. Documentation of active duty and spouse/dependent status must be submitted to the Veteran Services Coordinator in the Office of the University Registrar at least one week prior to the official UAMS start date for the term in which the tuition residency exception is to be effective. Requests received after the deadline will be reviewed case-by-case, and may not become effective until the following term. Tuition residency exceptions may not be applied retroactively for prior terms.

REFERENCES

UA Board Policies 520.7 and 520.8
UAMS Academic Affairs Policy 3.2.1