Recommended Amendments to Title 5: Residency Reclassifications – Financial Independence

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CSU Student’s Residency Determination for Tuition Purposes

1. A student’s residency status is determined at the campus

2. A student is classified as a resident or nonresident

3. A nonresident student may submit a reclassification request and financial independence requirements must be met
Meeting Changing Needs

Flexibility and Fairness

Example: A married student moves to California to attend graduate school and for her partner’s work.

Proposed Changes to §41905.5

Financial independence shall not be considered in a reclassification analysis if the student meets at least one of the following criteria:

A. Dependent on a parent who has California residence for more than one year immediately preceding the residence determination date;
B. Enrolled in a graduate or post-baccalaureate program, regardless of age;
C. Turned 24 years of age by the residence determination date;
D. Married or registered domestic partner as of the residence determination date;
Proposed Changes to §41905.5 - Continued

Financial independence shall not be considered in a reclassification analysis if the student meets at least one of the following criteria:

E. Active duty members serving in the U.S. Armed Forces  
F. Legal dependent other than a spouse or registered domestic partner  
G. Former ward of the court, foster youth or both parents are deceased  
H. Declared by a court to be an emancipated minor  
I. Unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless