

OREGON RESIDENCY INFORMATION

To become an Oregon resident for the purposes of paying tuition at an Oregon University, a financially independent person must be able to document a physical presence in Oregon for 12 consecutive months and, during that time, show that their activities were not primarily those of a student.

Anyone who attends college for more than 8 credits a term is assumed to be in Oregon primarily to get an education and may not use that time period towards establishing residency. Anyone financially dependent on a parent or guardian who lives outside of Oregon cannot be an Oregon resident.

A person may attend college as a part-time student (8 credits or fewer) and still qualify as a resident if the person can show establishment of a permanent domicile in Oregon.

That is, the person has a place to live, such as an apartment or house, is employed or is otherwise financially supported by resources within the state of Oregon, and has done those things a person would normally do when permanently moving - get an Oregon driver's license, register a vehicle in Oregon, register to vote in Oregon, open an Oregon bank account and so forth.

Establishing a permanent domicile in Oregon does not mean you must live forever in Oregon. People's circumstances and plans change all the time. You only have to show you did those things people usually do when permanently moving to be eligible for residency.

It is best for a student to contact their intended transfer school of choice to find out the specifics regarding their residency and the process that may be available to demonstrate residency.