Military Exception

U.S. Military members (and their spouses or dependents) qualify for the military exception if:

A. They provide proof that the military member is currently stationed in Arizona, OR
B. They provide proof that the military member’s state of legal residence is Arizona and has been for at least 1 year, OR
C. They provide proof that the student has demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of Arizona and is using transferred post-911 G.I. Bill benefits during a time in which the member of the uniformed services is serving on active duty (Choice Act).

Submitting a Military Petition

1. Start at the Residency Petition Dashboard: https://go.oasis.asu.edu/residencypetition/
2. Initiate your petition by completing the online questionnaire prior to the deadline.
3. Complete your petition by submitting all requested documentation prior to the deadline.

Required Documents

Your required documents will be dependent on your situation (A, B or C – see above). The list below includes the most common documents requested. You may be asked to provide something that is not listed below and you will have an opportunity to provide anything you think is relevant or helpful to your situation.

A – Active Duty; Stationed in Arizona

- Military member’s orders to Arizona
- Enlistment or Transfer documentation into the Arizona National Guard/Reserves
- Military member’s U.S. Military ID card
- Certification Document for Military Personnel
- Dependent Military ID Card
- Driver’s License, instructional permit, state ID or U.S. Passport (student)

B – Active Duty; State of legal residence is Arizona

- Military member’s U.S. Military ID card
- Federal tax return for most recent tax year (Form 1040)
- Arizona state tax return for most recent tax year (Form 140)
- W2s from the last 2 tax years
- Most recent Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- DD Form 2058 showing change of legal residence, if applicable
- Dependent Military ID Card
- Driver’s License, instructional permit, state ID or U.S. Passport (student)

C – Choice Act; Transferred benefits

- Objective evidence of intent to be a resident of Arizona (student)
- Current Certificate of Eligibility (certifying transferred benefits at ASU)Dependent Military ID Card
- Driver’s License, instructional permit, state ID or U.S. Passport
**What else do I need to know?**

- The military exception applies only to active duty military members of the U.S. Armed Forces and the Arizona National Guard or Reserves (and their spouses or dependents, if applicable).

- Your state of legal residence is not necessarily your home of record and there are specific requirements are provided on form DD-2058 for individuals who wish to change their state of legal residence. Your state of legal residence is indicated on your Leave and Earnings Statement (LES).

- The Choice Act exception requires you to show demonstrated intent to be an Arizona resident. State law requires that you obtain an Arizona vehicle registration and driver license, immediately if any of the following apply:
  - You are registered to vote in Arizona.
  - You obtain a state license or pay school tuition fees at the same rate as an Arizona resident.
  - You place children in school without paying the tuition rate of a nonresident.

- All documentation is subject to review by the residency office and the evaluator will determine the weight given to each document. The Residency Office will be sole judge of the authenticity or truthfulness of any material or statements submitted and may do additional research regarding any supporting documents.

- Additional documentation may be requested by the residency office after an initial review of your petition by the Residency Office.

- The term “resident for tuition purposes” differs from other definitions of Arizona residency. For example, a person who is an Arizona resident for voting or tax purposes may not be a resident for tuition purposes.

- Students that are classified as residents are required to verify citizenship, lawful status or eligible visa types. Non-U.S. citizens must possess a visa type that does not prohibit them from establishing a permanent home in Arizona. Students on F-1/J-1 visas are not eligible for residency.