DEPENDENT CHILD OR SPOUSE OF MILITARY MEMBER

An undergraduate student who is the natural or adopted child, stepchild, spouse or registered domestic partner, who is the dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, stationed in California on active duty, may be entitled to an exemption from the nonresident tuition. Graduate and professional school students are entitled to this exemption until the student has resided in the state the minimum time necessary to become a resident (366 days).

Should a member of the U.S. Armed Forces (1) be transferred outside California where he/she continues to serve on active duty, or (2) retire from active duty immediately after serving in California, the student shall retain his/her resident classification until he/she has resided in the state the minimum time necessary (366 days) to become a resident of California.

The student must provide the following:

- A statement from the military member’s commanding officer or personnel officer indicating the specific date(s) of the member’s assignment to California, and that the assignment to active duty is not for educational purposes;

- Documentation which indicates when the adult student and military member’s stay in California began.

  **Child:** must provide documentation that indicates dependent status (e.g. tax forms, military records, etc.).

  **Spouse:** must provide documentation that indicates marital and dependent status (e.g. marriage certificate, registration, tax forms, military records, etc.).

  **Domestic Partner**

Under University of California residence regulations, a student who is the dependent of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, stationed in California on active duty, and who meets the above conditions, will be given a waiver of the nonresident tuition. During the period for which the student receives a waiver, he/she remains classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes. Following the period of exemption for graduate students, the student becomes ineligible for the waiver and must be reevaluated to determine if the student (and the military member from whom he/she derives residence) qualifies for classification as a resident.

Because the exemption period is limited to no more than one year for graduate students, it is imperative that the military member designate California as the state of legal residence (not “home of record”) on appropriate military records, and that the military member and his/her dependent(s) take steps to establish California residence immediately upon arrival in the state (please see Reclassification Information handout for details on establishing California residence and the reclassification process). Any delay in establishing California residence will delay the earliest time classification as a resident may be granted following the exemption period.

**NOTICE:** The student is cautioned that this summation is not a complete explanation of the laws regarding residence. Applicable sections of the Education Code and the regulations adopted by The Regents of the University of California are available for inspection at the Office of the Registrar. Changes may be made in the residence requirements between the publication date of this statement and the relevant residence determination date. Please refer any questions to the Residence Deputy at (949) 824-6129 or e-mail res-dep@uci.edu. (revised 12/07/04).