

HEI Data Bulletin No. 14

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Issue: New residency distinction for Ohio high school graduates

Files Affected: Student Enrollment (SN)

Ohio's FY 2012-2013 biennial operating budget, Am. Sub. H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly, includes a provision that establishes a new residency distinction for tuition and subsidy purposes. The newly adopted residency provision, called Forever Buckeye, extends the in-state resident tuition rate to any Ohio high school graduate who left the state but returns to enroll in an Ohio public institution of higher education and establishes domicile in the state.

Rule 10 which amplifies ORC 3333.31 (statute that contains the forever buckeye language) defines domicile. "Domicile" as used in this rule is a person's permanent place of abode, so long as the person has the legal ability under federal and state law to reside permanently at that abode. For the purpose of this rule, only one domicile may be maintained at a given time.

Resolution:

In order to analyze and track the impact of this new residency classification, a new data value will be added to the Residency Status data field in the Student Enrollment (SN) file, beginning Autumn term 2011.

Current Residency Status data field value options:

- **In District (D):** Any student who is a legal resident of the institution's local tax district. This residency status may only be reported by colleges receiving support from a local tax levy.
- **State Resident (R):** Any student who is a legal resident of the State of Ohio, excluding those more specifically classified as "in district."
- **Non-resident (N):** Any student who is not a legal resident of the State of Ohio, excluding those more specifically classified as a "reciprocity" student.
- **Reciprocity Student (X):** Any non-resident student who is treated as a legal resident of the State of Ohio for fee purposes based on a specific agreement the institution has entered into with another institution in a neighboring state, and approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.
- **Employees from contiguous states (E):** Any student who lives in a contiguous state and is employed in Ohio whose employer contracts to pay for given coursework. Such students are treated as a legal resident of the State of Ohio for fee purposes based on an agreement between the employer and the school.

NEW Residency Status data field value definition:

- **Forever Buckeye (B)** – Any Ohio high school graduate who has left the state but has returned to Ohio to pursue their post-secondary education and therefore qualifies for in-state tuition under the terms of Ohio Revised Code 3333.31, as passed by the 129th General Assembly in the FY 2012-2013 biennial operating budget in Am. Sub. H.B. 153.

Reporting requirements:

Initially, any student that meets the criteria for 'Forever Buckeye' should be coded in the Student Enrollment file with a Residency Status of 'B'. It is possible that these students could become full-time Ohio residents, and in this case, the Residency Status code should be updated with one of the following codes:

- **In District (D):** Any student who is a legal resident of the institution's local tax district. This residency status may only be reported by colleges receiving support from a local tax levy.
- **State Resident (R):** Any student who is a legal resident of the State of Ohio, excluding those more specifically classified as "in district."

Students who are participating in this program can be subsidy eligible and should be submitted with a Subsidy Eligibility Status of 'EL' as long as they meet the other eligibility guidelines established in the Ohio Board of Regents' Administrative Rule 2. The following provides a summary of the Subsidy Eligibility guidelines that are established in Rule 2 and currently utilized within HEI:

- **Subsidy Eligible (EL):** Student meets all requirements for his or her enrollments to be considered subsidy eligible.
- **Subsidy Ineligible, Account not Cleared (IA):** Enrollments by the student are designated ineligible because the student has not paid in full all instructional fees for any prior terms by the 15th day of the term. The census point used to determine if a student has not paid all instructional fees from a previous summer term is the census date (15th day) for the last summer sub-term. The student is also ineligible if he or she has not met one of the following three requirements by the end of the present term:
 - The student paid all instructional fees for the present term (not including parking or library fines or housing fees).
 - The student's financial aid and/or third party payment for the present term is in progress (examples of third parties could include state or federal government grants, student's employer, or union).
 - The student signed a note agreeing to pay all instructional fees according to the policies of the college or university for the present term.
- **Subsidy Ineligible, Graduate Student Exceeding Credit Hour Limit (IG):** Enrollments by graduate students who, by the preceding term, have earned more than 260 quarter or 174 semester credit hours are designated ineligible. A student will be credited with 51 quarter or 34 semester credit hours if that student has already earned a master's degree from another institution. Note, professional level credit hours are not included.
- **Subsidy Ineligible, Selective Service Non-compliance (IS):** Enrollments by the student are designated ineligible because the student meets the requirements for mandatory Selective Service registration, but has failed to register.

- **Subsidy Ineligible, Non-resident (IR):** Enrollments by an undergraduate student are designated ineligible because the student is not considered a legal resident of the State of Ohio for fee purposes.
 - Enrollments by out-of-state professional law students are designated as ineligible for subsidy.
 - Enrollments by out of state graduate students enrolled in out of state or distance learning programs or courses are designated as ineligible for subsidy.
- **Subsidy Ineligible, Other (IO):**
 1. Enrollments by students who have earned more than 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours at the graduate level and who are enrolled in programs for which subsidy was removed at the recommendation of the Graduate Funding Commission ([list of de-funded programs](#)).
 2. Enrollments by students who have earned more than 135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours of course credit while seeking a doctorate of audiology, physical therapy or occupational therapy.
 3. Also assign this value when enrollments by the student are designated ineligible because of a reason other than those described above.
- **Subsidy Ineligible, Medical Student Exceeding Term Limit (IM):** Student whose studies in professional level medical instruction has exceeded 13 quarters (four academic years and one summer). Students classified as repeaters may be eligible for subsidy for each additional term repeated so long as the total number of terms subsidized does not exceed 17 quarters.
- **Repeater (MR):** Student whose studies in professional level medical instruction will exceed 13 quarters (four academic years and one summer) because the student was required by the institution to repeat a portion of the curriculum. A student is considered a repeater only during those terms he or she actually repeats.