

## **Title 20 In-State Tuition Exemption Residency Requirements**

### **Proof of Residency**

- A. To establish that a deceased service member or veteran resided in Louisiana for one year prior to entry into service, the applicant must present one of the following:
  - 1. the death certificate of the deceased service member or veteran;
  - 2. the deceased service member or veteran's DD-214 showing a Louisiana residence address as the home of record;
  - 3. the deceased service member or veteran's Louisiana high school diploma or equivalent; or
  - 4. the deceased service member or veteran's Louisiana high school, college, or university transcripts.
- B. To establish that a deceased service member or veteran resided in Louisiana for one year prior to death, or that a living veteran has resided in Louisiana for one year prior to the applicant's admission into a program of education, the applicant must present the following:
  - 1. At least three of the following documents that include the veteran's name and a Louisiana residence address:
    - a. unexpired Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana special identification card issued one or more years ago;
    - b. Louisiana voter registration card issued one or more years ago;
    - c. Louisiana vehicle registration issued one or more years ago;
    - d. homestead tax exemption forms for the most recent past year;
    - e. Louisiana full time resident income tax returns for the most recent past year, signed and marked as received by the Louisiana Department of Revenue.
  - 2. If the applicant cannot present at least three of the documents listed above, they must present two of the documents listed above and must provide copies of at least two documents in addition to those provided from the list above. The additional documents must include the veteran's name and a Louisiana residence address and must have been issued within one year immediately preceding the applicant's admission into a program of education.
    - a. Examples of acceptable additional documents include:
      - i. utility bills for two separate utilities (i.e., water, sewer, gas, electric, cable/satellite TV, internet, telephone/cell phone, or garbage collection) or other utility statements showing service in veteran's name at a Louisiana residence address;
      - ii. federal income tax returns for the most recent past year, signed and marked as received by the IRS;
      - iii. financial statements (i.e., bank/credit union account, investment account, credit card account, or loan/credit financing);
      - iv. employment documentation (i.e., paycheck or paycheck stub, letter from your employer on company letterhead, W-2 for earnings issued, or military orders issued);
      - v. health insurance statement or explanation of benefits (EOB) for a claim or a health care bill/invoice;
      - vi. Social Security documentation (i.e., Social Security Annual Statement, Numerical Identification System record, or Social Security check);
      - vii. homeowners or renters insurance policy or premium bill;

- viii. mortgage, payment coupon, deed, escrow statement, or property tax bill;
- ix. auto insurance policy;
- x. unexpired firearms license (gun permit);
- xi. current, valid lease agreement and rent payment receipts for a home or apartment.

C. Residency is defined as the veteran's full-time physical presence in a Louisiana household.