Maricopa Community Colleges
Exemption of Non-Resident Tuition for Approved Courses
For Full-time Teacher or Full-time Classroom Aide
ARS 15-1802

Appendix E

Under ARS 15-1802, an individual may be eligible for an exemption of non-resident tuition for approved courses if such person is:

- an employee of a school district in this state and is under contract to teach on a full-time basis, or
- employed as a full-time non-certified classroom aide at a school within that school district.

For purposes of the above paragraph, the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student:

- only for courses necessary to complete the requirements for certification by the State Board of Education to teach in a school district in this state.

No member of the person's family is eligible for classification as an in-state student if the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to the paragraphs.

Exemption Process:

1. Provide verification of full-time employment as a teacher or non-certified classroom aide in an Arizona school district.
2. Provide evidence of intent to be a resident of Arizona by the absence of ties to former state of residence (i.e., Arizona Driver's License, Arizona Vehicle Registration, etc.). In establishing domicile, an alien must not hold a visa that prohibits establishing domicile in this state.
3. Officially declare with the Office of Admissions and Records a program of study that leads to 1) a degree in elementary or secondary education or 2) teacher certificate recognized by the Arizona Department of Education.
4. Submit documentation regarding 1) coursework required by the Arizona Department of Education or 2) coursework required for a degree in elementary or secondary education as signed by an Academic Advisor. Under ARS 15-1802, only "courses necessary to complete the requirements for certification by the State Board of Education to teach in a school district in this state" qualify for in-state tuition.
5. Re-apply and prove eligibility for an exemption of non-resident tuition under this exception each semester until which time a petition is approved for reclassification to resident status as per ARS 15-1802.

Affirmation of Eligibility for In-state Classification Under ARS 15-1802.B.3:

Student Name _____ Student ID Number_____

I certify that the following courses are required for certification by the State Board of Education to teach in a school district in the state of Arizona.

Course Number and Title	Credit Hours

_____ _____ _____
Student Signature Semester /Year Date

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

Date _____ By _____ Title _____ College _____