



TUITION FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

The *Code of Virginia* specifies several ways that a student may be eligible for in-state or reduced tuition rates. Students are eligible if they are domiciliary residents of Virginia or if they qualify under one of the exception provisions, including an exception for active duty military members.

§ [23-7.4](#) G.

“G. Any active duty members, activated guard or reservist members, or guard or reservist members mobilized or on temporary active orders for six months or more, that are either stationed or assigned by their military service to a work location in Virginia, and residing in Virginia, shall pay tuition, to the public institution of higher education in which they are enrolled, in an amount no more than the institution’s in-state tuition rate.”

Military Service Members Who Established Virginia Domicile

Military members may be eligible for in-state tuition rates if the member establishes domicile in Virginia. A person's domicile is his or her present, fixed home to which he or she returns following temporary absences and at which he or she intends to stay indefinitely. Intent to establish domicile may be supported by actions such as changing the LES to reflect Virginia withholding, registering to vote in Virginia, obtaining a Virginia driver's license, registering cars in Virginia, etc. For these persons, the requisite one-year waiting period prior to being eligible for in-state tuition is waived.

(Note: To initiate payment of Virginia income tax, military members should contact their military pay office and complete a DD Form 2058 in duplicate. Service members can verify completion of the DD2058 by presenting to the college an LES showing Virginia as their tax situs or a letter from their command verifying the change of tax situs to Virginia. Additionally, supporting factors must be put in place while on active duty.)

Military Service Members Who Do Not Established Virginia Domicile

Military members who do not establish domicile prior to separation are subject to the one-year waiting period. These individuals must present factors of support that have existed for one year prior to the term for which they seek in-state tuition. For detailed information contact the Enrollment Services/Admissions Center on the campus you plan to attend.

Military members who elect not to establish Virginia domicile may be eligible for the military contract tuition rates through Special Arrangement Contracts (SACs) between the colleges or universities and the military, typically through the use of Tuition Assistance.

Supporting documentation: Students using tuition assistance please provide a copy your tuition assistance form. Students not using tuition assistance please provide a copy of your military orders verifying permanent duty station assignment to a base located within Virginia, documentation verifying Virginia residence, and a copy of your active duty military id card.