WHY WAS I CLASSIFIED AS A NON RESIDENT?

You were classified as a non-resident based on information that you provided on the application for admission to our college. The following are some circumstances that will classify you as nonresident:
1. You are not a U.S. Citizen. (Note: this depends on Visa status or type of citizenship)
2. Your current stay in California began less than two years ago.
3. In the last two years you have done any of the following:
   - Declared residency in another state for state income tax purposes
   - Registered to vote in another state
   - Declared residency at an out-of-state college or university
   - Petitioned for a lawsuit or a divorce as a resident in another state

I have lived in California for at least one year. Why am I still a non-resident?

You do not receive automatic residency until you have lived in California for two years and one day. However, if you have lived in California for one year and one day you are eligible to submit a “Residency Determination” application to Admissions and Records. The residency determination application is available online. Please read the form very carefully and provide the proper documentation which is dated one year and one day prior to the start date of the semester for which you are applying for residency. You must show physical presence and intent for one year and one day.

My address in California has never changed however I was still classified as a non-resident.

Even though you may have a California address you may have answered “yes” to one of the above questions. You have to be able to demonstrate physical presence AND intent for one year and one day.

I have lived in California a long time however I am still classified as non-resident.

This could be due to the following:
1. You were born in another country.
2. Your legal citizenship status is “other status”.
3. Your visa has expired or will expire before the end of the semester.
4. You changed your legal citizenship status recently.
5. You just arrived in this country after a visit to your country.

If you fall into one of the above categories, please contact the Admissions and Records Office and see the Residency Technician to find out if you are eligible to establish residency.
I made a mistake on my Admissions application: My parent/spouse filled out my application and an error was made. Can I call or go to the Admissions & Records Department and just have them fix it; or can my application be deleted so I start over so I can fix it?

No, your admissions application is a legal document filled out under penalty of perjury which becomes a permanent part of your student record. When it is filled out incorrectly, the student must fill out the residency application and provide the proper documentation to correct the error.

How will I know if I am approved or not for residency and how long does it take?

You will be notified within 10 working days via your college assigned email address or telephone of your residency status. Please allow ten working days before contacting us. If you are denied for any reasons, you may discuss your options with the Residency Technician. Please be aware that your tuition, non-resident or other, is always due within ten working days or you will be dropped from your classes for nonpayment. You may wish to discuss payment issues with the technician.

NOTE:

The above residency scenarios are not the only ones that are possible and may not be the ones affecting your residency status. Each student’s residency situation is unique and reviewed as such. Be aware that every semester does have a residency deadline.

If you have an extenuating circumstance please contact the Residency Technician in Admissions & Records at IWV campus.

Please visit http://www.cerrocoso.edu/studentservices/admissions for more information and the residency determination form.