

Washington Residents Absent from State

Absence due to military/civil service

Washington residents who enter military/civil services while domiciled in Washington, or persons who establish a domicile while stationed here for a period of at least one year, will remain residents while stationed outside of Washington if they return within one year of discharged/end of service with the intent to be domiciled in Washington. Please view the Military Personnel link for information.

Absence for educational purposes only

Students who are Washington residents and have been out of Washington to attend an out-of-state college or university need to submit a completed Residency Questionnaire to the Office of Admissions & Registration (OAR), along with the following additional documentation:

- Verification that they resided in Washington for a minimum of one year prior to leaving the state to attend school.
- Verification from the out-of-state college or university that they were enrolled as non-resident and paying non-resident tuition.
- Proof that they maintained all ties with Washington (such as driver's license, vehicle registration, bank accounts, voter's registration, property, etc.) and did not take steps to establish a domicile in another state.

If you qualify and complete the above, fill out the Residency Questionnaire and submit it with supporting documentation to the OAR.

