

7.12.1 Residency Appeal and Reconsideration Process

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Policy: Students who have been determined as nonresidents by Residency Determination Service (RDS) may request a reconsideration or appeal of their determination for tuition purposes through RDS.

Purpose/Definitions:

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The purpose of this policy is to provide information regarding RDS and its reconsideration and appeal process.

Definitions

RDS Appeal—the RDS Appeal is for students who believe their active residency determination is incorrect - either from an initial consideration or a reconsideration. Students have the ability to request the RDS Appeal online, submit additional information and documentation to support their claim, and meet face-to-face (or via technology) to review their appeal.

SEAA Appeal—the SEAA Appeal is the final administrative step in the residency process. The appeal is conducted by a statewide committee comprised of representatives from the North Carolina Community College System, North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, State Education Assistance Authority, and The University of North Carolina System. No additional documentation or information is permitted by RDS or the student in this appeal.

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College’s Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Student Development has monitoring authority.

Procedure:

Section 1: General Information

- 1.1. The purpose and mission of RDS is to provide leadership and administration of residency determinations in accordance with North Carolina residency laws and applicable federal statutes.
- 1.2. Students classified as nonresidents must pay the out-of-state rate.

Section 2: RDS Reconsideration or Appeal

- 2.1. The RDS Appeal process is for students whose circumstances have not changed but who believe their residency classification is incorrect.
 - 2.1.1. Students have the ability to provide additional information and documentation relating to their appeal request and participate in a face-to-face appeal hearing with RDS.
- 2.2. Students may request an Appeal if they believe that the RDS process has failed to accurately consider important information regarding their residency claim. There are two types of appeal:
 - 2.2.1. RDS Appeal
 - 2.2.2. SEAA Appeal
- 2.3. To request a reconsideration or appeal, students must go to www.NCresidency.org.
 - 2.3.1. Both the RDS Appeal and SEAA Appeal require submitting a notification to appeal within 10 calendar days of the determination the student is appealing.
 - 2.3.2. Requests for appeal after 10 calendar days are not permitted.

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