

Fresno. Additionally, applicants must demonstrate English proficiency. (See *TOEFL* below.)

Graduate applications will be reviewed by the individual academic departments to determine eligibility for the requested graduate program.

TOEFL. All undergraduate, graduate, and postbaccalaureate applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English, must demonstrate competence in English.

To qualify for undergraduate admission, all students must present an official TOEFL score, taken within the last two years, of 500 or better on the pencil-based exam or 173 or better on the computer-based exam.

All graduate and postbaccalaureate applicants must present an official TOEFL score, taken within the last two years, of 550 or better on pencil-based exam or 213 or better on the computer-based exam. TOEFL will be waived for those students who hold a bachelor's degree from a U.S. university. The TOEFL score required for admission to specific programs may be higher than the 500/173 for undergraduates and 550/213 for postbaccalaureate applicants indicated above. Students should check these TOEFL requirements in the departmental listings.

To ensure that students are prepared to take advantage of the educational opportunities available at California State University, Fresno, each international student who must submit TOEFL scores will be required to participate in a post-admission testing program. The test will be administered during orientation immediately before the student's first matriculated semester. The purpose of the testing program is to assess strengths and weaknesses in oral and written English. As a result of the post-admission testing, a student may be required to enroll in certain English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

An undergraduate student whose academic qualifications are acceptable, but who has not achieved an acceptable TOEFL score, may be granted a conditional admission. Such a student must obtain an I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility) from an English language school and attend an English as a Second Language (ESL) program. In order to transfer from a language school to

California State University, Fresno, a conditionally admitted student must present an official TOEFL score of 500 on the pencil-based exam or 173 on the computer-based exam, on a test taken within the last two years.

Insurance Requirement. Effective August 1, 1995, as a condition of receiving an I-20 or IAP-66 form, all F-1 and J-1 visa applicants must agree to obtain and maintain health insurance as a condition of registration and continued enrollment in the California State University. Such insurance must be in amounts as specified by the United States Information Agency (USIA) and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. The campus president or designee shall determine which insurance policies meet these criteria. Further information may be obtained from the International Student Services and Programs Office at 278-2782

Determination of Residence for Nonresident Tuition Purposes

The campus Admissions Office determines the residence status of all new and returning students for nonresident tuition purposes. Responses to the application for admission, residency questionnaire, reclassification request form, and, if necessary, other evidence furnished by the student are used in making this determination. A student who fails to submit adequate information to establish a right to classification as a California resident will be classified as a nonresident.

The following statement of the rules regarding residency determination for nonresident tuition purposes is not a complete discussion of the law but a summary of the principal rules and their exceptions. The law governing residence determination for tuition purposes by The California State University is found in *California Education Code* Sections 68000-68090, 68121, 68123, 68124, and 89705-89707.5, and in Title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*, Sections 41900-41912. A copy of the statutes and regulations is available for inspection at the campus Admissions Office.

Legal residence may be established by adults who are physically present in the state and who, at the same time, intend to make California their permanent home. Steps must be taken at least one year prior to the residence determination

date to show an intent to make California the permanent home with concurrent relinquishment of the prior legal residence. The steps necessary to show California residency intent will vary from case to case. Included among the steps may be registering to vote and voting in elections in California; filing resident California state income tax forms on total income; ownership of residential property or continuous occupancy or renting of an apartment on a lease basis where one's permanent belongings are kept; maintaining active resident memberships in California professional or social organizations; maintaining California vehicle plates and operator's license; maintaining active savings and checking accounts in California banks; maintaining permanent military address and home of record in California if one is in the military service.

Students who are within the state for educational purposes only do not gain the status of resident regardless of the length of their stay in California.

In general, an unmarried minor (a person under 18 years of age) derives legal residence from the parent with whom the minor maintains or last maintained his or her place of abode. The residence of an unmarried minor who has a parent living cannot be changed by the minor's own act, by the appointment of a legal guardian, or by the relinquishment of a parent's right of control.

A married person may establish his or her residence independent of his or her spouse.

An alien may establish his or her residence, unless precluded by the Immigration and Nationality Act from establishing domicile in the United States. An unmarried minor alien derives his or her residence from the parent with whom the minor maintains or last maintained his or her place of abode.

Nonresident students seeking reclassification are required by law to complete a supplemental questionnaire concerning financial independence.

The general rule is that a student must have been a California resident for at least one year immediately preceding the residence determination date in order to qualify as a *resident student* for tuition purposes. A residence determination date is set for each academic term and is