

RESIDENCY RECLASSIFICATION FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTS



- It is the expectation that all non-residents make a bona fide effort to establish North Carolina residency for tuition purposes after the first year of support.
- Before you begin your reclassification application, please visit the Residency Determination Service (RDS) and read through the requirements.
- Although there is no 'checklist' that will ensure you have established residency, there are some things that may make a difference.

- Sign a lease and do not file for reclassification until 366 days (one year) since signing. Take care of this as soon as possible prior to the start of the requested term.
- Make sure your permanent address, preferred address, and payroll address in UNCGenie are all listed as your NC address.
- FAFSA—if you filed one before you moved to North Carolina, make sure to adjust your address to your NC address.
- Obtain a North Carolina Driver's License. The DMV expects this of you within 60 days of moving to NC. If you do not drive, get a state ID.
- If you own a car, DMV expects you to register it in NC within 60 days of moving here.
- File your taxes as a I Carolina Resident. You have been working for the state and earning income in NC since August 1.
- You may count the value of your tuition support as part of your income.
- Register to Vote (and please vote!)
- If you have become active in any community organizations or obtained a fishing or other required activity licenses, be sure to list them.

- Most are successful with this as long as you are not being claimed on anyone else's taxes.
- Be sure to contact the Associate Dean of your College if your residency classification changes.
- Again, there is no magic checklist. The residency determination service looks for a preponderance of acts of residency.
- Establishing residency will allow your program to help other graduate students in need of financial support.