



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDĀT GUÅHAN
Board of Regents

Resolution No. 26-28

**RELATIVE TO ALIGNING THE RESIDENT TUITION POLICY WITH FEDERAL PUBLIC LAW
118-42 THE CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2024 AND GUAM PUBLIC LAW BY
REPEALING AND REENACTING BOR POLICY 04-24**

WHEREAS, the University of Guam (UOG) is the primary U.S. Land Grant and Sea Grant institution accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior College and University Commission serving the post-secondary needs of the people of Guam and the Western Pacific region;

WHEREAS, the University of Guam is governed by its Board of Regents (BOR), which is responsible for the governance and oversight of the University

WHEREAS, Federal Public Law 118-42 specifically, Division G, Title II – Amending Compact of Free Association, Section 209 (b) (1) (E) states: “that the institution charge students who are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau tuition for attendance at a rate that is not greater than the rate charged for residents of the State in which such public institution of higher education is located...”

WHEREAS, Guam Law, 17 GCA section 16125 (a) states that “[s]tudents who are residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau or the Republic of the Marshall Islands, enrolled in and matriculating at the University of Guam, shall be charged resident tuition for their attendance at the University of Guam.”

WHEREAS, to align the University’s residency policy with local and federal law, Board Resolution 04-24 is hereby repealed and reenacted and shall be reflected in policies affected by this change. See Attachment A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents hereby repeal and reenact the UOG Residency Policy to align with Federal and Local law.

Adopted this 24th day of September, 2026.

Mike W. Naholowaa, Chairperson

ATTESTED:

Anita Borja Enriquez, D.B.A., Executive Secretary

ATTACHMENT “A”

Resident and Non-Resident Students

An applicant is initially classified as a resident or non-resident for tuition purposes at the time of application with the Office of Admissions. The classification, which is certified by the Registrar, is based upon information furnished by the student and other relevant documentation.

In compliance with the Residency Policy approved by the Board of Regents in February 1996 and subsequently amended, students classified as non-residents are required to pay non-resident tuition unless otherwise eligible for the resident tuition rate under applicable Guam or federal law.

Guam Residency

The following considerations are used in determining Guam residency status:

1. Establishment of Domicile. Establishment of domicile on Guam for a period of twelve (12) months prior to the beginning of the term for which residency is claimed; or
2. Evidence of Residency. Evidence of residency on Guam for a period of twelve (12) months or more prior to the beginning of the term for which residency is claimed. Evidence may be demonstrated through documentation of one or more of the following:
 - a. Permanent employment in Guam.
 - b. Payment of income taxes on Guam by the student, or by the parent or legal guardian if the student is a dependent.
 - c. Ownership or rental of living quarters in Guam.
 - d. Continued use of a Guam permanent address on educational, employment, military, and financial records.
 - e. Guam voter registration; or
 - f. A Guam driver's license or vehicle registration.

Residents of the CNMI

In accordance with **17 GCA § 16125(a)**, students who are residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)...and who are enrolled in and matriculating at the University of Guam, shall be charged resident tuition.

Citizens of the Freely Associated States

In accordance with **Public Law 118-42, Division G, Title II, § 209(b)(1)(E)**, which supersedes GCA 17 GCA § 16125(a), citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia

(FSM), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and Republic of Palau shall be charged tuition at a rate no greater than the rate charged to Guam residents.

Eligibility for the resident tuition rate under this federal provision is based on citizenship in one of the three Freely Associated States and does not require the student to establish Guam residency or satisfy the University's twelve-month Guam residency or domicile requirement.

Eligibility for the resident tuition rate under this provision does not, by itself, establish Guam residency for other University purposes.

The university uses the term "resident" to denote resident tuition rather than "in-state" tuition and "non-resident" for "out-of-state" tuition.