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Residency rules to get tougher for students from other states

By Brian Bloch

Dependent students whose parents or guardians live outside of Oregon and who have not established residency will no longer qualify for instate tuition savings under new state residency

The rules, which take effect July 1, call for stiffer residency qualifications based on a student's parents' or financially supportive guardians' place of residency.

The new rules will not apply to students who are independent of their parents or to students who have established their own state residency. Out-of-state students can apply for Oregon residency after 15 months in the state.

Under the Oregon State Board of Higher Education's January decision, the new residency requirement calls for "a bona fide fixed and permanent physical presence established and maintained in Oregon of not less than 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the term for which residence status is requested.

'It means a students' parents have to be instate residents for 12 months to qualify." said admissions public representative Theresa Vaca.

Consequently, dependent students whose parents have moved out of state or who graduated from an Oregon high school while their parents lived out of state will no longer qualify for instate tuition savings.

The in-state undergraduate tuition is approximately a third of the out-of-state tuition costs at

most of the state's colleges and universities. University students who do not qualify for in-state tuition will have to pay \$1,870 per term as opposed to \$640 for in-state students next academic

According to a release issued by the OSBHE. the rationale for the change is based on current tax support of the higher education system by Oregon residents. Those students whose primary financial support (parents or guardians) comes from an Oregon resident are allowed a lower tuition because the supporter already contributes to the system via state income taxes.

"We're trying to keep a priority on Oregon students," said Jeff Smith, associate director of school relations for the chancellor's office. "Oregon residents pay tax dollars to support Oregon colleges and universities. Out-of- state students pay an extra fee to compensate for those taxes.

Current residency rules allow students who have graduated from Oregon high schools but whose parents live out of state to pay in-state tuition. The current rules also allow residency to be established in only six months. Those rules expire June 30.

"About the only impact is on a group of students who came in January and wanted to meet the six month deadline," said Admissions Assistant Director Fred Mohr. "About the same number of students will qualify for residency as before. The impact is very little.

Student who have questions about residency status can contact the office of admissions

Mass to be held at Newman Center

Student Mass will be held Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. A social will follow in the lounge. For more information, call 343-7021.

Et als

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