



Q&A FOR STUDENTS ON TUITION EQUITY

1. What is “tuition equity” at LBCC?

Tuition equity at LBCC means that undocumented students who earn a high school diploma or GED in Oregon and meet certain other requirements will be allowed to pay resident tuition rates, and will not be required to pay nonresident tuition rates for a set period of time. On April 2, 2013, Governor John Kitzhaber signed into law the legislative bill on tuition equity, House Bill 2787, directing the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to provide tuition equity at Oregon’s public universities.

2. When a student seeks information on this new Oregon Law, should they look up “tuition equity”?

While many people know this new law as “tuition equity,” students will see it named here and in other documents as the **“exemption from nonresident tuition and fees”** for eligible undocumented students. To be exempt from nonresident tuition rates means that a student is allowed to pay the lower resident tuition rates instead.

3. How does a student request an Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees?

A student requests an exemption by completing an [**Affidavit and Request for Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees**](#), which is available at the Registration Counter in Takena Hall. Students should note that part of this Affidavit must be completed in the presence of a Notary Public and notarized.

4. Who is eligible for the exemption from nonresident tuition and fees (otherwise known as tuition equity)?

A student needs to meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the exemption:

- Student received a high school diploma or GED in Oregon no more than three years before initially enrolling in an OUS institution or Community College.
- Student attended an elementary school or secondary/high school in Oregon during each of the three years prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma
- Student attended an elementary school or secondary/high school in a state or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in each of the five years prior to earning a high school diploma or leaving school before earning a diploma
- Student shows intention to become a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States

5. How does a student demonstrate the required “intention to become a citizen or permanent resident”?

The student needs to provide documentation in order to show this intention. The statements required are included in the [**Affidavit and Request for Exemption from Nonresident Tuition and Fees**](#).

The following documentation is required:

- a. Student submits (in the Affidavit) a statement that application has been made for a federal individual taxpayer identification number or other federal identification document, **AND**
- b. Student submits (in the Affidavit) a statement of intent to seek to obtain U.S. citizenship as permitted by federal law, **OR** student submits an official copy of application for registration with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program

6. How long will students be allowed to use the exemption?

Eligible students will be allowed to pay resident tuition, and will be exempt from paying nonresident tuition, for a **maximum of five calendar years from the date of initial enrollment** at an OUS institution. For example, if a student begins classes on Monday, September 30, 2013 (the first day of fall term, 2013) he or she can pay resident rates through September 29, 2018.

7. If a student transfers into an OUS university after attending a community college, will they be eligible for the resident tuition rates?

Yes, as long as they meet all the criteria (above), including initial enrollment in an OUS public college **within three calendar years** of high school graduation or GED completion.

8. If a student transfers from one OUS university to another, how does that affect the five year maximum eligibility?

The exemption from non- resident tuition rates can only be used for a total of **five years** while enrolled in any of the campuses of the Oregon University System, regardless of how many times a student transfers.

9. Can a student take a term or more time off school and still use the exemption?

Yes, but the five year maximum still applies. For example, a student taking time off for one year after initial enrollment in an OUS university, will lose one year of the exemption but will be able to use the remaining years when they return to college until the five year maximum is reached.

10. Can a student attend a university part-time and still use the exemption?

Yes, but the five year maximum still applies. In order to reach degree goals, students should work with their universities and programs to plan their appropriate coursework over the course of five years.

11. Can a student use the exemption for both undergraduate and graduate enrollment?

Yes, but the five year maximum still applies for all. Again, in order to reach educational goals, students should work with their universities and programs to plan their appropriate coursework over the course of five years.

12. Which public universities in Oregon provide this exemption?

Currently, the following Oregon public universities provide the exemption from nonresident tuition and fees for students as of fall term, 2013. These universities are:

- Eastern Oregon University (www.eou.edu/admissions)
- Oregon Institute of Technology (www.oit.edu/prospective-students/admissions)
- Oregon State University (oregonstate.edu/admissions)
- Portland State University (www.pdx.edu/admissions)
- Southern Oregon University (www.sou.edu/admissions)
- University of Oregon (admissions.uoregon.edu)
- Western Oregon University (www.wou.edu/student/admissions)

13. How can I find out more about the exemption?

For information, contact the Admissions Office at LBCC.

14. Do students automatically receive the Exemption as soon as they are eligible?

No, students must request an Exemption using the Affidavit and Request for Exemption form. Once eligibility is determined, the Exemption becomes effective beginning with the next academic term.



AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM NONRESIDENT TUITION AND FEES (HB 2787)

On April 2, 2013, Governor John Kitzhaber signed HB 2787 (otherwise known as Tuition Equity) into law, directing the State Board of Higher Education to allow students who are not citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States to pay resident tuition and fees for enrollment in an Oregon public university under certain conditions. This form is used to determine if a student applicant meets those conditions. Exemptions are granted for a maximum of five years from the date of initial enrollment at an Oregon public university. **Affidavits must be submitted to the admitting school's Office of Admissions by the first day of the term in which classification is sought. Tuition adjustments will not be granted retroactively for previous terms.**

DATE _____

NAME _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

ADDRESS _____
(Street) City (State) (Zip code)

STUDENT UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ ALTERNATIVE TELEPHONE NUMBER _____
(Area Code) Number (Area Code) Number

Please complete sections 1-5 below, checking all boxes that apply and providing the information requested.
Please complete the Student Oath or Affirmation section in the presence of a Notary Public. To find out more about Notary Public services in Oregon, please go to the Oregon Secretary of State website: <http://www.filinginoregon.com/pages/notary/index.html>

SECTION 1:

- During each of the **three years** immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, I attended an elementary school or secondary /high school in **Oregon**.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED AND DATES OF ATTENDANCE (LAST THREE YEARS OF SCHOOL):

SCHOOL NAME	CITY, STATE	DATES ATTENDED: (From mm/yr to mm/yr)

SECTION 2:

- During each of the **five years** immediately prior to receiving a high school diploma, or leaving school before receiving a high school diploma, I attended an elementary school or secondary/high school in a state or territory of the **United States**, the **District of Columbia**, or the **Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED AND DATES OF ATTENDANCE (LAST FIVE YEARS OF SCHOOL):

SCHOOL NAME	CITY, STATE	DATES ATTENDED: (From mm/yr to mm/yr)

SECTION 3:

- No more than **three years** before initially enrolling in a public university or community college in Oregon, I received a high school diploma from a secondary/high school in Oregon **OR** earned a GED. (you must provide copy of transcript)

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED	CITY, STATE	GRADUATION DATE: (mm/yr)
INSTITUTION AWARDDING GED	CITY, STATE	GED DATE: (mm/yr)

- I previously attended a public university or community college in Oregon.

UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAME	CITY, STATE	DATES ATTENDED: (From mm/yr to mm/yr)

- I have applied for a federal individual taxpayer identification number or other official federal identification document.

SECTION 5:

Check only one box, below

SECTION 2:

I have attached an official copy of my application to register with a federal immigration program or federal deportation deferral program.

OR

I intend to become a citizen of the United States as permitted under federal law.

STUDENT OATH OR AFFIRMATION

NOTARIZATION: Please complete in the presence of a Notary Public.

Under penalty of perjury, I swear or affirm that all of the information supplied by me in this affidavit is complete, true, and correct, and this public university may rely on this information.

STUDENT NAME

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE _____ OF

COUNTY _____ OF

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN before me this _____ day of

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Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

When completed and notarized, return this form and any attachments to the Registration Office at LBCC.