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ABOR Approves Update to Non-Resident Tuition Rate for Arizona High School Graduates Tuition Policy

TEMPE, Ariz. - The Arizona Board of Regents approved a revision to its Non-Resident Tuition Rate for Arizona High School Graduates policy that will ensure more Arizona high school graduates are eligible for the discounted non-resident tuition rate, a non-subsidized rate that covers the cost of education.

Any student who graduates from an Arizona high school and meets the policy criteria, but who is not otherwise eligible for resident tuition status, will be eligible for a non-resident rate of 150 percent of undergraduate resident tuition.

Since 2015, this policy has provided a non-resident tuition rate (150 percent of undergraduate resident tuition) for students who graduated from Arizona high schools and who are not otherwise eligible for in-state tuition. The current policy requires that students be lawfully present in Arizona to be eligible for the rate. The lawful presence criterion was not required by state or federal law. By approving the proposed revision, this requirement is eliminated.

The requirement was intended to clarify that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals students were eligible for this unsubsidized non-resident rate. Now that the federal government is not allowing new applications for DACA, the language is no longer needed.

“The board has a strong interest in facilitating access to higher education for all students in Arizona, within the limits of applicable state and federal law,” said ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley. “Arizona has made a significant investment in students who attend and graduate from Arizona high schools. This tuition rate is intended to encourage students to return to and remain in Arizona to continue their education and contribute to Arizona.”

The approved revision is available immediately for students who meet the policy requirements and are not otherwise eligible for in-state tuition, including:

- Students who graduated from Arizona high schools who then left the state and lost Arizona residency, and;
- Undocumented students who are not eligible for in-state tuition.

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