



## CLASSIFICATION OF MILITARY MEMBERS, IOWA NATIONAL GUARD, VETERANS, AND DEPENDENTS/SPOUSES FOR PURPOSES OF IN-STATE TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES ELIGIBILITY<sup>1</sup>

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- ◆ Currently serving members of the Iowa National Guard and armed forces reserve components who are assigned to a unit in Iowa and have completed basic military training or who have served at least one year of the member's commitment immediately qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees.
- ◆ Honorably discharged members of the armed forces, including members of the National Guard or reserve components, who served on federal active duty for other than training for at least an aggregate of 90 days immediately qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Former members of the Iowa National Guard who served at least 20 honorable years and earned a military retirement qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees. Service on federal active duty for other than training is not required.
- ◆ Currently serving members of the active component of the armed forces, members of the Iowa National Guard serving on full-time National Guard duty, and full-time members of the armed forces reserve components with assigned duty in the state of Iowa or at Rock Island arsenal, or the dependent child or spouse/domestic partner of such a person, immediately qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees.
- ◆ If the veteran is domiciled in the state of Iowa (veteran files Iowa resident income tax returns), the veteran will be classified as a resident; if the veteran is not domiciled in the state of Iowa, the veteran will receive eligibility for in-state tuition and mandatory fees but will be classified as a non-resident for enrollment purposes.
- ◆ A person who is moved into the state as the result of military or civil orders from the government for other than educational purposes, or the child or spouse/domestic partner of such a person, is entitled to resident status. The child or spouse/domestic partner may be required to submit appropriate documentation to the university.
- ◆ A dependent child or spouse/domestic partner of service members who are using transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits as specified in Section 702 of the Veterans, Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees. Individuals must remain continuously enrolled to continue eligibility.
- ◆ Classification for the purposes of receiving in-state tuition and mandatory fees does not affect classification of residency.
- ◆ Legislation, effective July 1, 1977, requires that military personnel who claim residency in Iowa (home of record) will be required to file Iowa resident income tax returns. (IAC 681)

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<sup>1</sup> All former military members, Iowa National Guard and Reserve members, and veterans immediately qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory fees. Dependents and spouse/partners qualify for in-state tuition and mandatory under Section 702. They must enroll within three years following the discharge of the veteran.

<sup>2</sup> Members who were dishonorably discharged will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by each institution.