

Residency Determination at A-B Tech

In 2013 the North Carolina General Assembly (SB 402) directed the University of North Carolina System, the North Carolina Community College System, and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities to create a centralized, uniform process for determining residency for tuition purposes and for administration of State-funded financial aid.

As a result of the legislative directive, College Foundation, Inc. (CFI) *was selected to develop and administer* the statewide Residency Determination Service (RDS).

A-B Tech implemented the Residency Determination Service (RDS) on October 23, 2017. All individuals applying to A-B Tech after October 23, 2017 will be required to complete the online residency determination prior to applying to the college. **It is highly recommended that applicants complete the residency determination well in advance of the semester they wish to start.** Upon completion of the residency determination, students will be issued a Residency Certification Number (RCN), which will be utilized at all colleges in North Carolina.

The Residency Determination Service (RDS) will provide separate processes to reach a residency classification. Most applicants will only be required to complete the *Initial Consideration* process. However, RDS does provide **Reconsideration** and **Appeal** processes. *Reconsideration* for those students who experience a change in circumstance after their first residency determination and *Appeal* for those students who have not had a change in status, but believe their residency classification is incorrect.

For information regarding the North Carolina Residency Determination Service, processes and residency guidelines, students, parents, faculty, staff, and constituents of the North Carolina Community College System should refer to the Residency website at www.ncresidency.org .