

# AB 540

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If the student is not a United States citizen, or permanent resident, or on a visa that allows the student to establish California residency, then the student must be able to certify that they have applied for some form of permanent immigration status at least one year and one day prior to the beginning of the semester.

Beginning January 1, 2002, AB 540 required that certain non-resident and undocumented students who have completed three years of high school in California or beginning January 1, 2015, attained credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school course work and attended a combination of elementary, middle, and/or high schools in California for a total of three or more years and have earned a high school diploma, or its equivalent may be exempt from non-resident tuition. California residency can also be exempted and or established in other ways.

SB 68 enables students to count years spent at a California Community College and adult education towards AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, the bill will allow the completion of an associate degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) to allow a student to qualify for in-state tuition and financial aid.

SB 554 allows any student in an adult education program administered by a school district or noncredit program administered by a community college district to pursue a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate and receive the recommendation of the administrator of the student's adult school or noncredit program of attendance, is eligible to attend as a special part-time student. Please consult with the staff in Admissions and Records for specific residency requirements.

SB 1141 deletes the requirement that attendance in credit courses at a campus of the California Community Colleges counted toward meeting the 3-year requirement not exceeding 2 years of full-time attendance.

Click the link for the CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION REQUEST (<https://www.sjcc.edu/admissions-records/forms.aspx>) form ([http://courseleaf.sjcc.edu/admission-registration-procedures/ab-540/CALIFORNIA\\_NONRESIDENT\\_TUITION\\_EXEMPTION\\_REQUEST/](http://courseleaf.sjcc.edu/admission-registration-procedures/ab-540/CALIFORNIA_NONRESIDENT_TUITION_EXEMPTION_REQUEST/)) and submit it to the Admissions and Records dept.

The new California Dream Act Application (CADAA) now embeds the AB 540 affidavit into the 2024-25 application. The goal is to streamline the application process for undocumented students eligible to receive state-based financial aid and increase paid rates for Cal Grant and other institutional aid.

Requirements are subject to change.