I. Purpose:

To set forth policy regarding exemptions to non-resident tuition.

II. Definitions:

No policy specific or unique definitions apply.

III. Policy:

A. The students affected by the following guidelines are classified as non-residents for admission and tuition purposes. In accordance with board policy, non-resident students are admitted on a space available basis with the understanding that priority for admission is given to qualified residents. Only the board may determine categories of non-resident students that will receive exemptions from the non-resident tuition differential.

B. The following categories of non-resident students are eligible to receive an exemption waiver:

1. East-West Center student grantees pursuing baccalaureate or advanced degrees;

2. United States military personnel stationed in Hawai‘i on active duty, and their authorized dependents during the period that the personnel are stationed in Hawai‘i;

3. Members of the Hawai‘i National Guard and the Hawai‘i Reserves;

4. Native Hawaiians whose domicile is outside of Hawai‘i;

5. Employees of the university, their spouses, and their dependents. The faculty or staff member must be employed on a half-time basis or more; those...
excluded from collective bargaining must have an appointment exceeding three (3) months.;

6. Veterans eligible to use Post 9/11 GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty Program educational benefits per the Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (P.L.116-315), who live in Hawai‘i, and those who subsequently move but maintain continuous enrollment and enroll at the university within three years of discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

7. Individuals eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill educational benefits per the Isakson and Roe Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (P.L.116-315), who live in Hawai‘i, and those who subsequently move but maintain continuous enrollment and enroll at the university within three years of the transferor’s discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.

8. Individuals eligible to use educational benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, who live in Hawai‘i and those who subsequently move but maintain continuous enrollment.

8.9. Individuals eligible to use educational assistance under the Survivors’ or Dependents’ Educational Assistance (Chapter 35) program, who live in Hawai‘i and those who subsequently move but maintain continuous enrollment.

9. Individuals eligible to use transferred Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits, who live in Hawai‘i, and whose transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.

10. Veterans living in the State of Hawai‘i with service-connected disabilities who are eligible for benefits provided for in Title 38, U.S. Code, Chapter 31, otherwise known as the Veteran Readiness and Employment or VR&E (formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment) program, who live in Hawai‘i and those who subsequently move but maintain continuous enrollment.

11. Graduate (GA), teaching (TA), and research assistants (RA), as a function of their appointment to an assistantship.

10.12. Ph.D. students registering for only one credit hour of a dissertation course.
C. With the written approval of the chancellor/provost, campuses may, for those non-resident students whose special talents and/or unique skills will make a significant contribution to campus life, exempt the non-resident portion of tuition. If instituted, the total number of exemptions granted in any given year should be established in accordance with the campus’s strategic enrollment management goals, not to exceed two percent of campus enrollment in any given year and shall be reviewed/promulgated on a biennial basis.

D. Citizens from an eligible Pacific Island district, commonwealth, territory, or insular jurisdiction, state or nation (collectively, “Pacific Island jurisdictions”) which provides no public higher education institution granting baccalaureate degrees, are charged 150 percent of the resident tuition rate. For citizens from Pacific Island jurisdictions that have a public higher education institution but it does not offer a program that is desired by the student and is offered at the University of Hawai‘i, the 150 percent of the resident rate may be applied for participation in the specified program at a specified campus upon written agreement by that institution and the university. The Office of the President or designee updates and distributes the list of eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions.

E. Visiting students on national and international exchange programs where tuition agreements have been signed by the president may be charged 150 percent of the resident tuition rate as specified by the tuition agreement.

F. Only exemptions from non-resident tuition differential delineated in this policy are permitted.

IV. Delegation of Authority:

There is no policy specific delegation of authority.

V. Contact Information:

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VI. References:

- http://www.hawaii.edu/offices/bor/
- EP 6.207
- RP 6.209

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