



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below is a list of frequently asked questions. Please note that while the term AB540 is used it also refers to AB2000 and SB68 all of which are based on California Education Code Section 68130.5.

Is the AB540 exemption only for undocumented students?

NO. The AB540 exemption is available for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, undocumented students and T or U Visa holders.

I am a DACA student. Is the exemption available for me?

Yes, the exemption is available for DACA students that meet the exemption requirements.

If a student was in a visa status other than T or U during attendance at a California school, can that attendance and/or graduation count towards fulfillment of the exemption requirements?

Yes; however, with the exception of students holding a T or U visa, the visa status (e.g. F-1) cannot be active at the time the student applies for the exemption.

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CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION REQUEST

Education Code § 68130.5, as amended, commonly known as AB 540
Effective January 1, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete and sign this form to request exemption from nonresident tuition charged to nonresident students. Once determined to be eligible, you will be allowed to continue to receive the exemption as long as you fulfill eligibility requirements or until the University no longer offers this exemption. This exemption does not alter your responsibility to pay, by the campus deadline, any nonresident tuition and associated fees that may be charged. Eligibility is determined. Complete and return this form to the Campus Office of Admissions and Records.

APPLICATION

I, the undersigned, am applying for the California Nonresident Tuition Exemption at California State University (specify campus) _____ and declare that the following apply to me.

1.) Check one box only:

I have a current nonimmigrant visa (not including a T or U visa) as defined by federal law. Nonimmigrants have been admitted to the U.S. on a temporary visa and include, but are not limited to, foreign students (holding F visas) and exchange visitors (holding J visas).

I have a current nonimmigrant T or U visa as defined by federal law.

I do NOT have a current, nonimmigrant visa as defined by federal law. This includes, among others, U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA recipients, and individuals without a current or valid immigration status.

2.) Select all items that apply to you from each column:

Column A

- I have 3 years of attendance at a California high school.
- I have 3 or more years of high school coursework and 3 years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of California elementary and secondary schools.
- I attended or attained credits at a combination of California high school, California adult school, and California Community College (CSJ) the equivalent of (3) years or more.

Column B

- I have graduated or will graduate (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) with a California high school diploma or the equivalent (i.e., California-issued GED, CHSPE).
- I completed or will complete (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) an associate's degree from a California Community College (CSJ).
- I completed or will complete (before the first term of enrollment at the CSU) the minimum requirements at a California Community College (CSJ) to transfer to the California State University.

*A year's equivalence at a California community college is either a minimum of 24 semester units of credit or 36 quarter units. Only two (2) years of full-time attendance in credit courses at the California community colleges will count towards the three (3) or more years of attendance. Full-time attendance at a California community college requires a minimum of 420 hours of attendance for each school year.

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