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Reciprocity Program

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Minnesota – South Dakota Tuition Reciprocity Program

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Questions and Answers about Tuition Reciprocity with Minnesota

1. Who is eligible for the benefits of the Minnesota – South Dakota Tuition Reciprocity Program?

Residents of South Dakota are eligible for reciprocity status to attend public colleges and universities in Minnesota. Residents of Minnesota are eligible for reciprocity status to attend the South Dakota state universities. **Residents of South Dakota only need to apply for reciprocity if they are going to attend one of the University of Minnesota schools.** The other schools will automatically give the student the rate.

2. What tuition rates do South Dakota residents who are approved for reciprocity status pay when they attend college in Minnesota?

| <i>Minnesota College/University</i> | <i>South Dakota Resident Pays</i> |
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| Any University of Minnesota campus | MN resident tuition rate |
| State universities | MN resident tuition rate |
| Technical colleges | MN resident tuition rate |
| Community colleges | Slightly more than MN resident tuition rate |

3. When should I apply for reciprocity and what is the deadline for turning in reciprocity forms?

If you send your application to the Reciprocity Office **two months** before the semester begins, you are likely to be billed at the reciprocity tuition rate (assuming you are approved).

The deadline for applying is the last day of the term or semester the student is attending. For example, a student who is attending college in the fall semester has until the last day of the semester to apply for reciprocity. This is NOT recommended. Failure to apply before the term begins makes it likely that you will be billed at the much higher non-resident rate.

Reciprocity status is **not retroactive**. You may apply for reciprocity status for future or current semesters, not for past semesters.

4. If I plan to attend a Minnesota technical college, do I need to apply for reciprocity status?

If you plan to attend a technical college, you do NOT need to apply for reciprocity status using the application. You will be able to work with the technical college.

5. How long does the application process take?

After the Board of Regents Reciprocity office receives an application, a letter is sent to the student within a week. Applications are sent to the State of Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) which notifies the Minnesota universities that the South Dakota resident has reciprocity status and should be charged the reciprocity tuition rates. The process takes approximately six weeks. Students may wish to confirm with their university that information about their reciprocity status has been received.

6. Do I have to reapply every year?

Re-application is NOT necessary as long as you continue to earn credits within the academic year (fall/winter/spring).

Re-application IS necessary if you do not earn credits during a 12-month period. Call the Reciprocity Office if you are unsure or to request an application.

7. What should be done if I transfer from one Minnesota college or university to another Minnesota college or university?

Inform the South Dakota Reciprocity Office that you are transferring from one Minnesota college or university to a University of Minnesota university. The Reciprocity Office will notify the Office of Higher Education (OHE) in Minnesota.

8. Is it possible for South Dakota residents to apply for reciprocity status on-line?

No, it is not possible for South Dakota residents to apply for reciprocity status online now. South Dakota is working on establishing an on-line reciprocity application process.

9. Does South Dakota have reciprocity agreements with any other states?

The Legislature has only authorized the Board of Regents to enter into a reciprocity agreement with Minnesota (SDCL 13-55B-1). South Dakota does participate in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program operated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). More information is available on the WICHE site at <http://www.wiche.edu> (student exchange).