RDS Troubleshooting

REASONS WHY YOU MAY BE SEEING OUT-OF-STATE ON YOUR BILL OR ADMISSION LETTER, EVEN AFTER RECEIVING A DECISION OF IN-STATE FROM RDS:

› Residency classifications from RDS are only valid for 15 months. Therefore, if you have applied to a graduate program and completed your RDS determination over 15 months prior to the start of your admit term, your tuition classification at the time of admission will show as Out-of-state. This is the case even if you initially received a decision of In-state from RDS. You will need to go back to RDS to request a “reconsideration” that should extend the expiration date of your In-state determination. Ideally, you would do this about a year, or less than 15 months before the start date of your first semester of enrollment. You will then need to update your record by following the steps described above in the “Updating your RDS with NC State” section.

› Expiration dates of documents are a factor in RDS determinations. If you are an international student holding a visa or green card with an expiration date prior to the start date of your intended or next semester of enrollment, your residency determination will have an expiration date matching your visa or green card document.

› RDS is strict with all dates, including students who fall under the Active Duty Military Exception (outlined below). The report date on the active duty member’s military orders or affidavit determines the day the student’s eligibility for in-state tuition begins. Until it is exactly that date, the student’s residency determination will show as out-of-state.
1. A contract for University Housing may be considered when determining the requisite 12-month qualifying period for residency if the term of the University Housing contract, or the total term of multiple consecutive University Housing contracts, is twelve or more consecutive months. All other domiciliary and financial self-sufficiency requirements must also be met.

2. A contract for University Housing that covers less than twelve consecutive months shall not be considered when determining the requisite 12-month qualifying period for residency for tuition purposes, unless:
   a) The applicant can establish that he or she maintained North Carolina residency, including the completion of other domiciliary and financial self-sufficiency requirements, for at least six (6) months prior to entering into the contract; or
   b) The applicant is required, as a condition of his or her employment with the institution, to live in short-term (less than 12 months) University Housing, thereby preventing him or her from entering into a housing contract that would otherwise be considered when determining the requisite 12-month qualifying period.

3. A contract for University Housing with a term less than one year, coupled with a sub-lease (or other executed contract external to the campus), shall not be considered when determining the requisite 12-month qualifying period. For example, a student may live on campus with a nine-month contract during the academic year and sub-leased housing during the summer months. The student never leaves the state of North Carolina. Such a housing arrangement does not establish North Carolina domicile, unless the conditions in Item 2 are applicable.