

NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FACULTY

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Teachers or professors who are employed at least one-half time on a regular monthly basis by a Texas institution of higher education are entitled to register themselves, their spouse, and their children in a Texas institution of higher education by paying the tuition and fees required of Texas residents. For the purposes of this law, a person is a teacher or professor if he or she has a rank including the word professor, lecturer or instructor.

- Teacher or professor must be employed as of the 12th class day in a long semester, as of the 4th class day in a summer semester and as of the 2nd class day in a 3-week session (unless payroll dates need to be considered).
- This form must be completed by the employee's department and submitted to the Student Account and Billing Office for the COL prior to the first day of class for each semester.
- This exemption is subject to Senate Bill 1210 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2013. As such, students applying for this exemption must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher.*

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the departments to understand the State statute governing this waiver and to ensure its proper use. By signing this form, the departments are attesting that the information provided is true and correct and that all conditions of the statute have been met. The department head/account holder (and academic authority, when necessary) needs to be aware of the possibility that the waivers will be audited and that the responsibility for certifying the eligibility lies with the department head/account holder and/or the academic authority who signs the waiver.

Supporting Statutes:

Texas Education Code, § 54.21 Faculty and Dependents:

A teacher or professor of an institution of higher education, and the spouse and children of such a teacher or professor, are entitled to register in an institution of higher education by paying the tuition fee and other fees or charges required for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the teacher or professor has resided in Texas. A teacher or professor of an institution of higher education and the teacher's or professor's family are entitled to the benefits of this section if the teacher or professor is employed at least one-half time on a regular monthly salary basis by an institution of higher education.

Transferred and redesignated from Education Code, Section 54.059 by Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 359 (S.B. [32](#)), Sec. 1, eff. January 1, 2012.

*Texas Education Code, § 54.2001(a) Continued Receipt of Exemptions or Waivers Conditional:

Notwithstanding any other law but subject to Subsection (f), after initially qualifying under this subchapter for a mandatory or discretionary exemption or waiver from the payment of all or part of the tuition or other fees for enrollment during a semester or term at an institution of higher education, a person may continue to receive the exemption or waiver for a subsequent semester or term only if the person:

