

Statement of Legal Residence on the Application for Admission: Questions and Answers

WHY IS THERE A NEW STATEMENT OF LEGAL RESIDENCE SECTION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION?

- The Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) section is not new. For the fall 2023 application it was moved from the *Review and Submit* section to the *About You* section.
- The change is part of a multiyear project to provide information to students earlier in the application process about their residency as it relates to tuition.

THE QUESTIONS SEEM MORE DETAILED THAN IN PREVIOUS VERSIONS. WHY IS THAT?

- Most of the questions about residence have not changed from prior admission cycles. For example, we have been asking students about their citizenship status and their parents' citizenship status, as well as their time living in California, for nearly twenty years.
- However, the residency section of the application was formerly placed at the end of the application and did not include the new, more detailed language about residency qualifications.
- The Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) on the UC application is a short form that helps determine a student's residency status. However, the information provided in this section isn't always enough for the University to decide whether an applicant qualifies for California residency. If an applicant's residency status is "undetermined," they'll be required to complete the long-form SLR at a later date. The long-form version includes more questions and gives students a chance to share additional details about their eligibility for California residency or AB 540 status.
- We also added a section for students with special circumstances, including those who may qualify for AB 540.

HOW SHOULD UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS GO ABOUT COMPLETING THIS SECTION?

- UC has developed [step-by-step instructions](#) for undocumented students who may qualify for an AB 540 tuition exemption.
- Students who are themselves undocumented or who have undocumented or mixed-documentation families are welcome at UC and are encouraged to apply.