

**AMENDMENT TO THE RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION FOR ADMISSION AND
TUITION PURPOSES**
A Recommendation

1. **Division and Department:** Academic Affairs; Office of the Registrar.

2. **Introduction:** After serving in the military, veterans at Oakland University (University) know there is a knowledgeable, dedicated team in place to serve them. Staff from several university offices work to implement initiatives designed to assist the more than 300 military veterans who attend the University, many of whom are transfer students. The Veteran Support Services program at the University provides opportunities for collegiality and a sharing of experience and wisdom from which fellow veteran students can benefit in class and beyond. The program also works to build a sense of community with external constituencies.

Veteran students add to the diversity of the educational experience for all students and for six consecutive years, Oakland has been named a “Military Friendly School” by “G.I. Jobs” magazine, an honor reserved for the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide. The University is a charter member of the Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators and participates in numerous veterans support programs across the state and nation.

Veterans at the University have access to priority class registration and are provided with red, white and blue honor cords at commencement. The University evaluates veterans’ transcripts based on American Council on Education (ACE) guidelines, a process that provides transfer credit recommendations to military personnel. Service members can receive credit for courses taken as part of military training.

In August 2014, President Obama signed the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (“Choice Act”) into law. Section 702 of the Choice Act requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to disapprove programs of education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (the “Bills”) at public institutions of higher learning if the school charges qualifying veterans, and other students entitled to educational assistance under the Bills (for example, a student whose veteran parent has transferred their benefits to them under the Bills), tuition and fees in excess of the rate for resident students for terms beginning after July 1, 2015. In order to comply, Oakland University must update the Residency Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes policy to extend in-state tuition rates to all students entitled to educational assistance under the Bills.

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3. **Previous Board Action:** The Residency Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes was approved by the Board of Trustees on September 24, 1973, and amended on June 10, 1987, October 1, 1998, August 3, 2005, February 28, 2008 and October 4, 2012.

4. **Budget Implications:** None

5. **Educational Implications:** The increase of students entitled to veteran status benefits will further enhance the reputation of the University as a veteran-friendly institution.


6. **Personnel Implications:** None.

7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This proposal was approved by the Academic Affairs Office of the Registrar and reviewed by the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, and the President. The recommendation was also reviewed by the Office of Legal Affairs and General Counsel.

8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the Amendment to the Residency Classification for Admission and Tuition Purposes policy to grant in-state tuition rates, regardless of domicile, to all students entitled to educational assistance under Title 38 of the United States Code and its promulgating regulations and as may be amended from time to time.

Submitted to the President
on 6/1, 2015 by



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Recommended on 6/1, 2015
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