

Horry-Georgetown Technical College’s Office of Admissions is required to follow the residency requirements established by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education when determining residency classification. The completion of this application in its entirety is required to determine the eligibility of students requesting a change in residency classification for tuition and fee purposes. Residency requirements may be found online at [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov). Typically, establishing domicile in South Carolina for tuition and fee purposes takes a minimum of 12 months (see exemptions). Certain steps must be taken by the resident to formally establish permanent domicile in order to qualify for in-state or in-county tuition and fee rates as an eligible South Carolina resident. The following checklist outlines a general list of documents required to complete an Independent Residency Application.

*An “independent person” is defined as one (eighteen years of age or older) or an emancipated minor, who must provide more than half of his or her support, cannot be claimed as a dependent or exemption on the federal tax return of his or her parent, spouse, or guardian, and cannot claim the domicile of another individual as their own for the purposes of establishing intent to become a South Carolina resident.*

**IMPORTANT:** Residency status will NOT be reviewed until all required documents are received. Additional documentation may be requested as needed.



To qualify, ALL items listed on the following checklist should reflect 12 months immediately preceding the last day for add/drop for the term in which you are requesting South Carolina resident classification for tuition and fee purposes.

Documents Required from Independent Student	EXEMPTIONS TO THE 12 MONTH REQUIREMENT <i>(In addition to required documents on other checklist)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Complete Independent Residency Application</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina Driver’s License or State Identification Card</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina Vehicle Registration Card(s) – Must submit ALL vehicles registered solely or jointly in ANY state</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federal Income Tax Returns or IRS Tax Transcript for the most recent tax year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> State Tax Returns for the most recent tax year</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of permanent domicile in South Carolina; i.e. copies of all leases during the 12 months prior to the term of application or proof of purchase of current residence <i>(Student housing is NOT permanent domicile.)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Full-time employment in South Carolina:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Recent pay stub supporting full-time employment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A letter of full-time employment verification on employer’s letterhead including that the individual is employed full-time at a South Carolina company, the effective date of employment, the number of hours worked per week, and eligibility to receive full-time benefits.</li> </ul> <p>A person who is self-employed should provide a signed statement certifying the foregoing information and submit a copy of his/her South Carolina business license.</p> <p><i>If using the full-time employment exemption, we will continue to verify employment status until the student meets 12 months.</i></p> <p><b>Retirement in South Carolina:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of retirement statement or employer letter verifying retirement in South Carolina</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Proof of pension or annuity payment</li> </ul>



# INDEPENDENT RESIDENCY APPLICATION

STUDENTS HAVE ONE ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION. INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL BE ASSESSED AS OUT-OF-STATE.

Instructions:

- **Complete all sections in their entirety**
- Please use a blue or black pen
- Provide all supporting documentation as required (See Residency Checklist)
- Return the form to the Admissions Office or [residency@hgtc.edu](mailto:residency@hgtc.edu)

## STUDENT/APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Legal First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student H Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other name on record: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County (within SC): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Present daytime/work phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What residency classification is desired?     In-State/In-County     In-State/Out-of-County

For which semester is being requested for the desired residency classification to begin? \_\_\_\_\_

Sources and percentages of your support for the 12 months immediately prior to the term for which you are requesting in-state or in-county residency classification:

Parents/Spouse	_____%	Student Financial Aid	_____%
Employment	_____%	VA Benefits	_____%
Social Security	_____%	Other Sources (specify)	_____%

Did you attend high school in South Carolina?     Yes     No

If yes, which high school did/will you graduate from? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended any college/university? (Including HGTC)     Yes     No

If yes, which college/university? \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Only answer the following question if applying for one of the 12 month requirement exemptions:**

I am requesting a residency classification review on the basis that I am a person who is:

Full-Time Employed in South Carolina     Retired in South Carolina

**DOMICILE:**

Do you reside in South Carolina?  Yes  No Date present stay began: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Do you reside in Horry/Georgetown County?  Yes  No Date present stay began: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Physical addresses you have lived during the past 24 months (Do not use P.O. Boxes.)

From Date	To Date	Street Address	City/State/Zip	County

Do you rent or own the current residence?  Rent  Own

What is your citizenship status?  US Citizen  Permanent Resident  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Provide copy of card) (Additional information may be needed)

**INCOME TAX:**

Did another person claim you as a dependent for the previous tax year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did you file a Federal income tax return for the previous year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did you file a state income tax return for the previous year? If yes, please answer the following: State: _____ Year: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will another person claim you as a dependent for the current year's taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you file a state income tax return for the current year? If yes, in which state will you file? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**EMPLOYMENT:**

What is your employment status?  Full-Time  Part-Time  Unemployed  Retired  Disabled

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hire Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE ID:**

Do you have a driver's license, state identification card, or beginner's permit?  Yes  No

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- Renewed
- First issuance/Reinstatement
- Transferred from another state

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION:**

Do you have a vehicle registered in your name?  Yes  No

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

- Renewed
- New registration due to recent purchase
- Transferred from another state

Do you have any vehicles registered in another state?  Yes  No

## APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

Regulations regarding the establishment of legal residency in South Carolina for tuition and fee purposes at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are governed by the Code of Laws of South Carolina, Section 59-112-10 to 59-112-150 and are not governed by the college. Regulations regarding the establishment of in-county (Horry or Georgetown County) residency for tuition and fee purposes are governed by college policy and procedures, which closely mirrors the code of laws of South Carolina.

Failure to complete all required parts of this application or to submit required documentation with the application will stop the review of your residency status. After submission of the Application for Review of Residency Classification to the Admissions Office, an applicant will be notified of the decision regarding his/her residency classification within five business days. The deadline for submission of this application is the last day of drop/add for the full term for which residency reclassification is requested. There is no provision for retroactive-non-resident fee adjustment except in instances of error by the college. An applicant may appeal a residency decision to the Residency Review Committee.

**IMPORTANT:** Persons who are found to have made or presented willful misrepresentation of facts to improperly gain in-state or in-county residency classification will be charged tuition and fees past due and unpaid at the out-of-state or out-of-county rate. Until these charges are paid, such persons will not be allowed to receive transcripts or graduate from Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is accurate and that I am making this application in good faith, based on the belief that I am eligible to pay tuition and fees at the rate afforded South Carolina/Horry County/Georgetown.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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