INDEPENDENT RESIDENCY CHECKLIST

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. 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:

- The deadline for Residency Reclassification is the first week of classes of each semester.
- 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

- Complete Independent Residency Application
- South Carolina Driver’s License or State Identification Card
- South Carolina Vehicle Registration Card(s) – Must submit ALL vehicles registered solely or jointly in ANY state
- Federal Income Tax Returns or IRS Tax Transcript for the most recent tax year
- State Tax Returns for the most recent tax year
- 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
  
  *(Student housing is NOT permanent domicile.)*

### EXEMPTIONS TO THE 12 MONTH REQUIREMENT

*(In addition to required documents on other checklist)*

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<td>- Recent pay stub supporting full-time employment</td>
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<td>- 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.</td>
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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.

*If using the full-time employment exemption, we will continue to verify employment status until the student meets 12 months.*

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<td>- A copy of retirement statement or employer letter verifying retirement in South Carolina</td>
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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

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.)

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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? □ Yes □ No  
Did you file a Federal income tax return for the previous year? □ Yes □ No  
Did you file a state income tax return for the previous year? □ Yes □ No  
If yes, please answer the following: State: ___________  Year: ___________  
Will another person claim you as a dependent for the current year’s taxes? □ Yes □ No  
Will you file a state income tax return for the current year? □ Yes □ No  
If yes, in which state will you file? ___________

**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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