

Helping Students Navigate Residency: What's New with SORC



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Introductions



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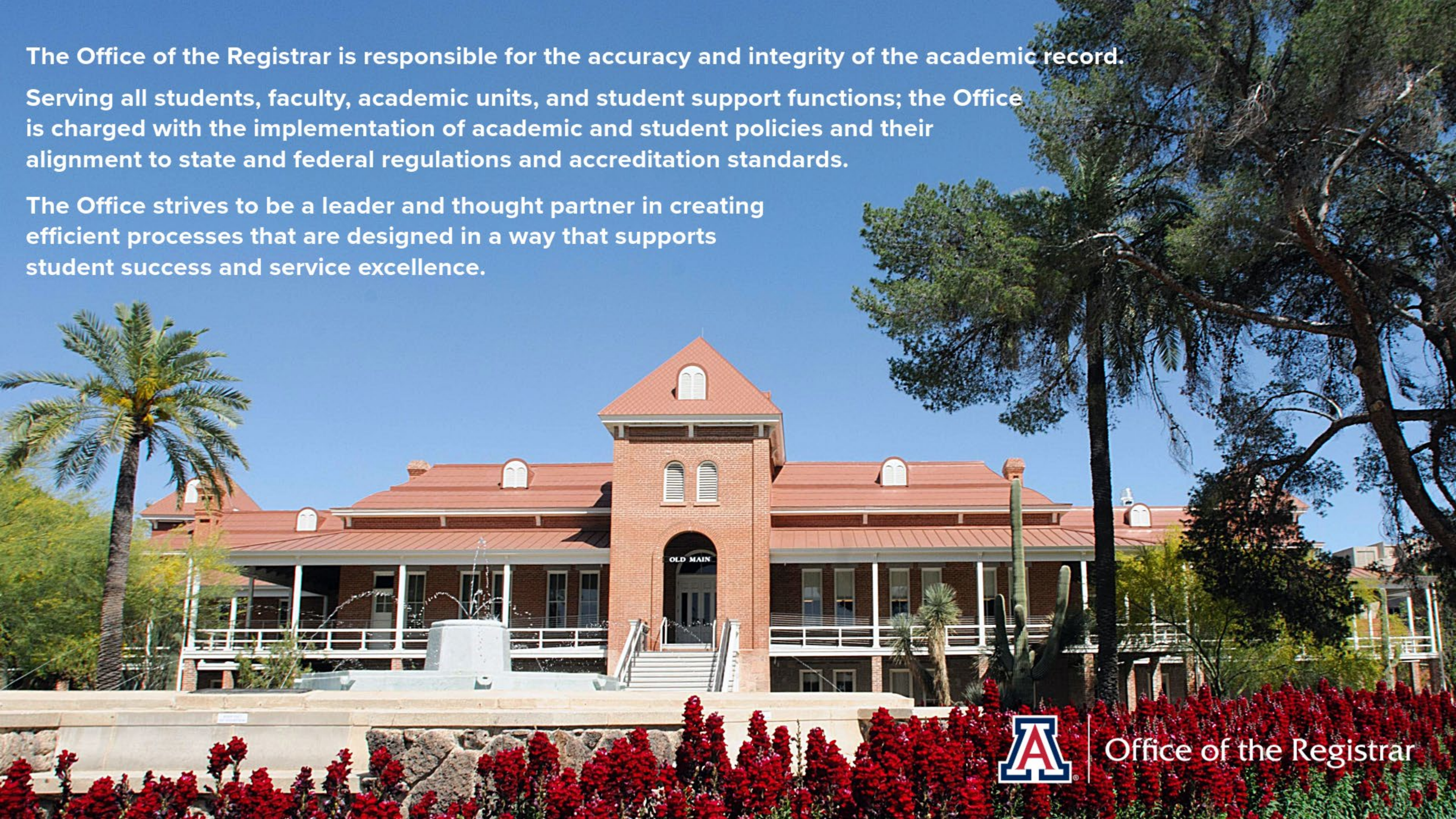


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The Office of the Registrar is responsible for the accuracy and integrity of the academic record.

Serving all students, faculty, academic units, and student support functions; the Office is charged with the implementation of academic and student policies and their alignment to state and federal regulations and accreditation standards.

The Office strives to be a leader and thought partner in creating efficient processes that are designed in a way that supports student success and service excellence.



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New Form Overview

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Why Residency Classification is Important

Cost of Tuition

- In Arizona, as in most other states, instruction fees at publicly supported universities are lower for resident students than for non-resident students. Residency classification standards and procedures at The University of Arizona are based on the [Arizona Board of Regents Policy on Tuition Classification](#).
- For tuition purposes, **each student must be classified as either a resident student or a non-resident student.**
- If a student does not verify their residency status, they will default to non-resident and pay non-resident tuition rates.

Main Campus Tuition Fall 2025 Tuition Rates

Undergraduate Resident Tuition Rate

- \$6,953

Undergraduate Non-Resident Tuition Rate

- \$21,534

COM Tucson Resident Tuition Rate

- \$20,495

COM Tucson Non-Resident Tuition Rate

- \$30,321.50

<i>Estimated</i> 4-year Total Tuition Rate Undergraduate Students (Full-time)	<i>Estimated</i> 4-year Total Tuition Rate COM-Tucson Students (Full-time)
Resident - \$55,624	Resident - \$163,960
Non-resident - \$172,272	Non-resident - \$242,572





Residency Classification

How to qualify as a new or continuing student

New or Readmitted Student

- Must have 12-months of continuous physical presence immediately preceding the term for which they have applied.
- They must have clear objective evidence.

Continuing Student

- Students who are classified as non-resident may apply for reclassification.
- They must provide objective evidence to prove they meet all four of the ABOR presumptions.



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Residency Classification

What is currently used to determine Residency For Tuition Purposes

- Admissions application questions
- Statement of Residency Classification (SORC)
- Other forms as needed
 - Domicile Affidavit form
 - ABOR Exception forms
 - Reclassification Petition form
 - Residency Review form
- Review and determination by Residency Classification Officers and Residency Review Committee

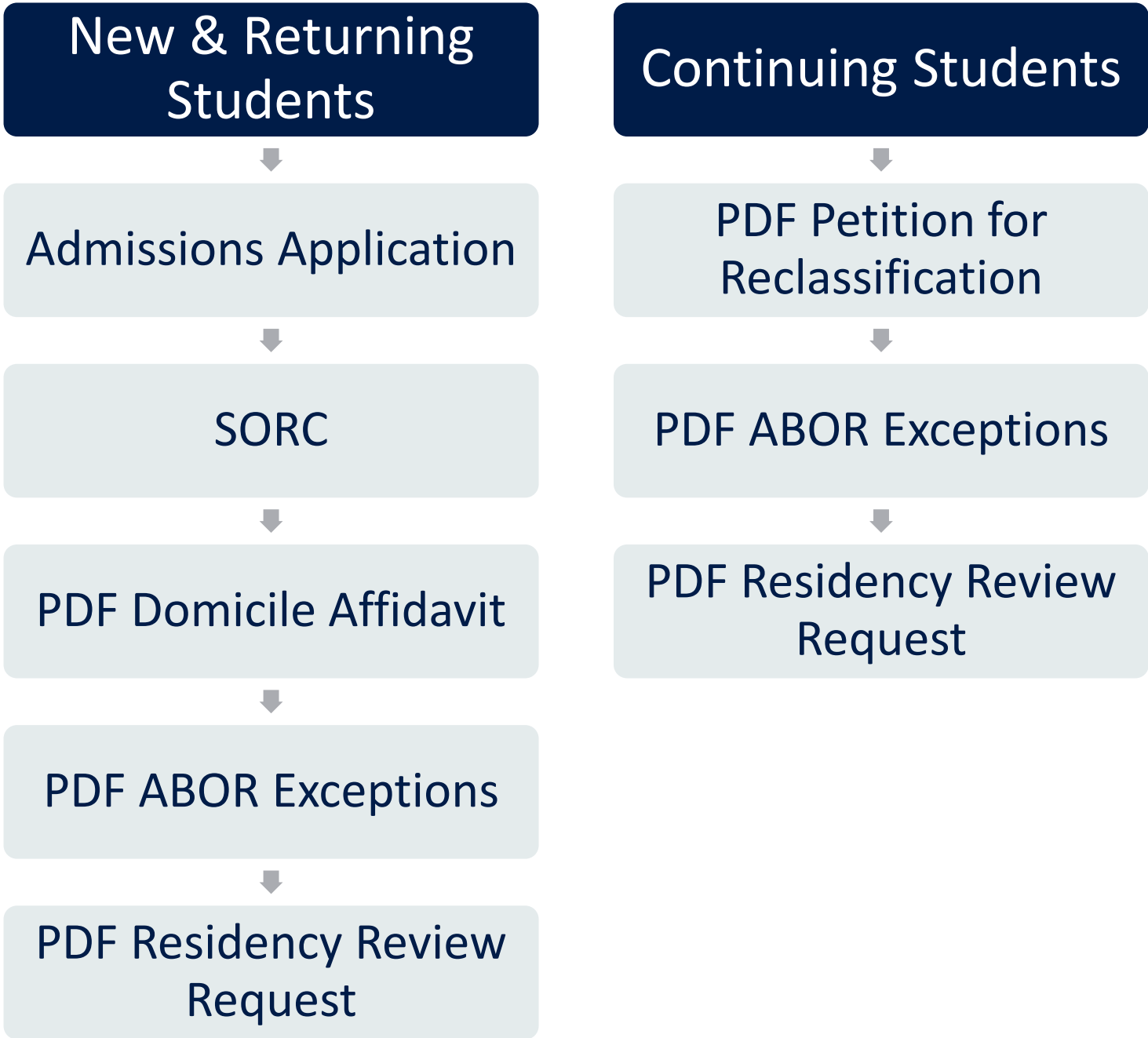


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Residency Classification Pathways

Current Pathways to a final Residency decision



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SORC Background

History of The Statement of Residency Classification (SORC)

- The former SORC form was a custom web app deployed in 2010 utilizing the now discontinued SASG servers.
- Updates to the form were challenging and required specialized support from a small number of University staff supporting SASG.
- The form required students to navigate outside of student center and was not modern or mobile friendly.
- The form often returned incorrect results, requiring students to follow up with the residency office to complete additional documentation, like the PDF domicile affidavit form.



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SORC Project Vision

Streamlining University Registrar Processes to Amplify Student Success

Ensure Compliance and Efficiency

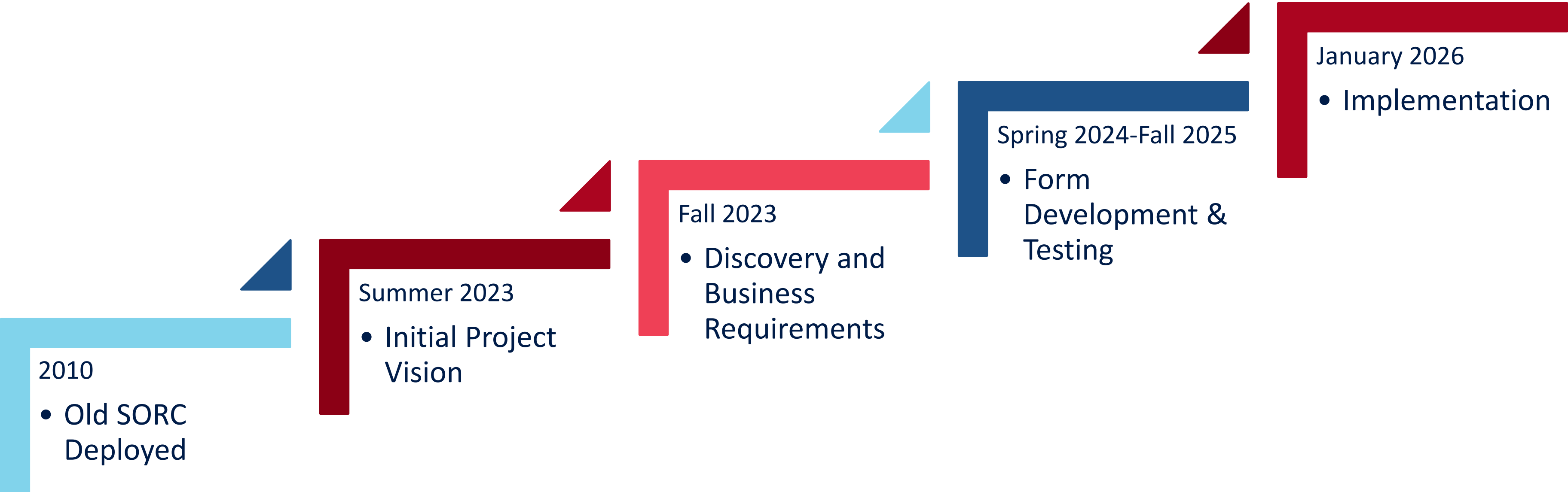
- Ensure the new form can be quickly updated to stay in compliance with ABOR and State Legislative changes when they occur.
- Create a modernized form that better leverages existing student data and advanced question logic to provide accurate and consistent residency decisions.
- Decrease the need for students to complete additional forms to receive their final and accurate residency decision if they qualify for residency exceptions.

Enhance The Student Experience

- Decrease the need for duplicative sharing of information by students between application materials and SORC.
- Increase SORC visibility and accessibility by bringing it into UAccess Student.
- Increase accessibility by ensuring the form is modernized and mobile friendly.
- Improve the service experience for all students, streamline form approval process and reduce staff time advising on how to navigate disparate form-handling procedures.



SORC Timeline





New SORC Highlights

- ✓ Accessible in UAccess Student Forms Library
- ✓ Modernized look and feel & mobile friendly
- ✓ Incorporates new questions that cover all ABOR residency exceptions
- ✓ More precise and accurate question logic
- ✓ Document upload capability for cases that require document review by a Residency Classification Officer
- ✓ Integration to UAccess Official Residency Data Fields
- ✓ More accessible to Residency and UITS staff for future updates as required by changing ABOR policy or state legislature changes.
- ✓ Form can be saved and returned to within student center.
- ✓ Completed form status visible to students within student center.

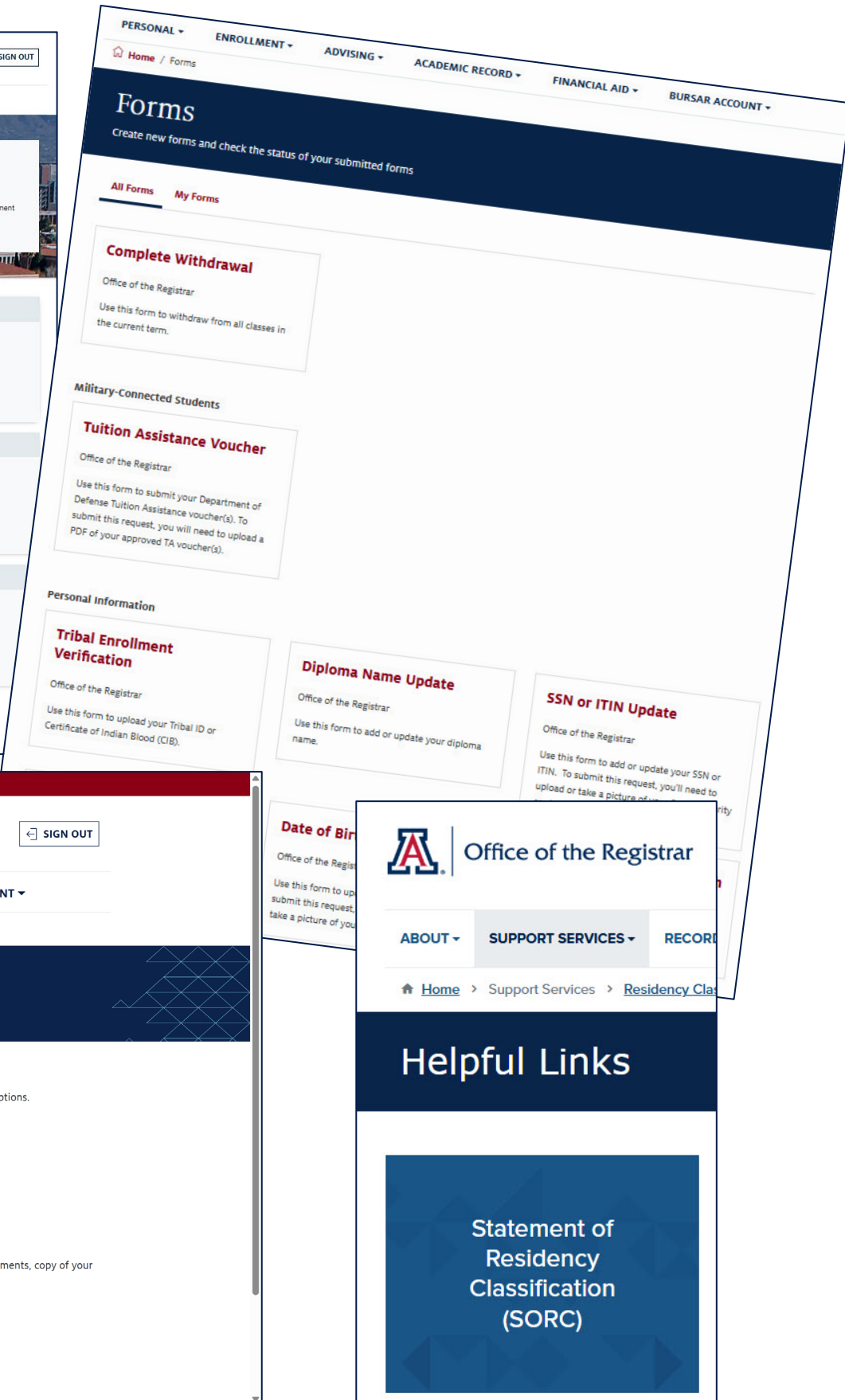
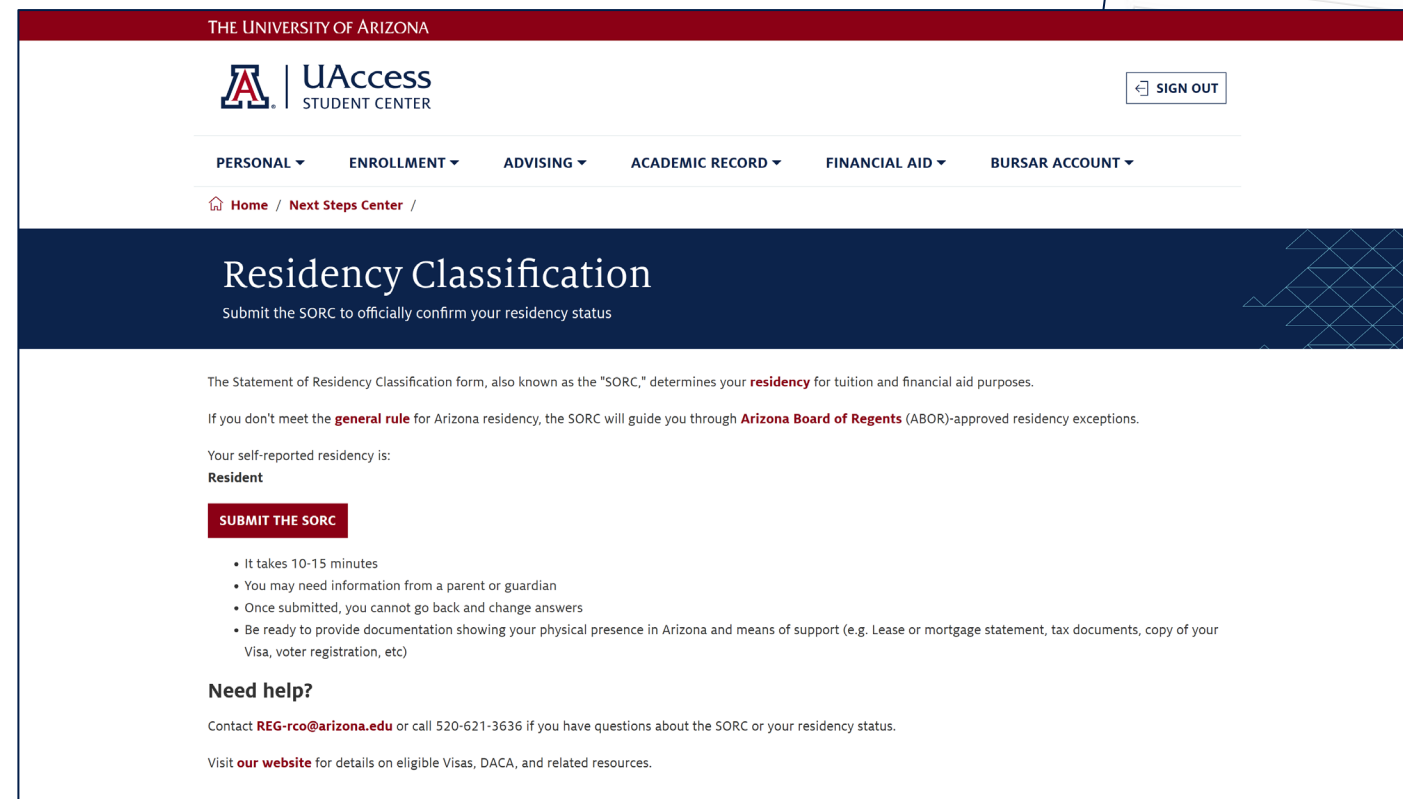
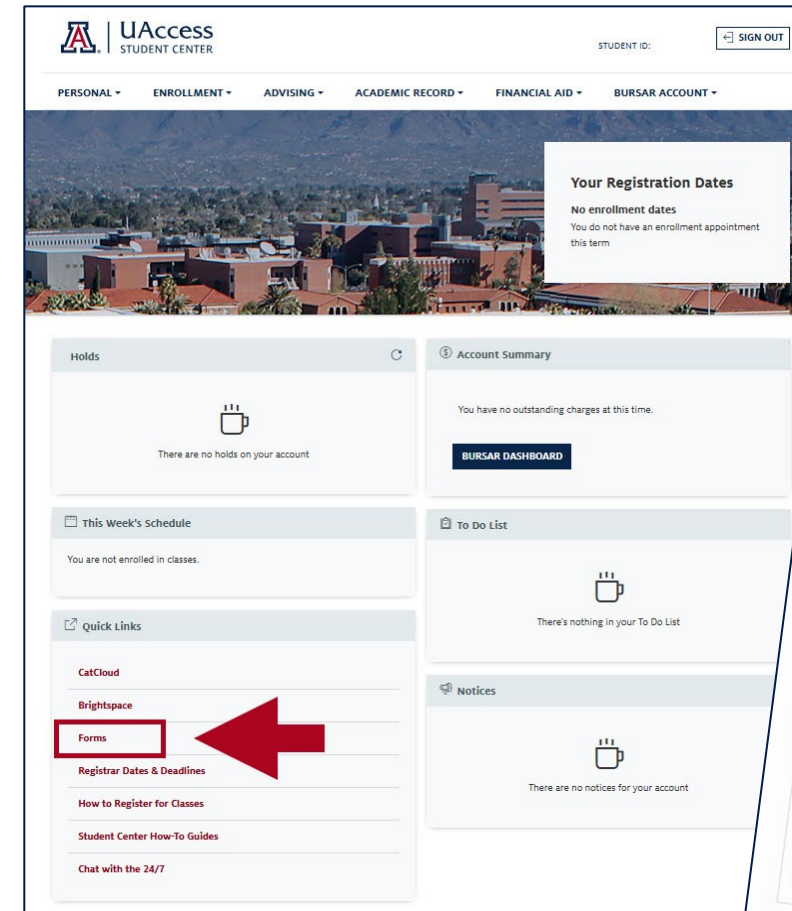


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Where to find SORC

SORC can be accessed from multiple areas!

- **NEW! SORC in UAccess Forms**
 - All new and re-admitted students will find the new SORC in the **Form Library** within **UAccess Student**, located under the **Quick Links** section.
- **SORC in Next Steps Center**
 - Undergraduate Students will also find an invitation to complete SORC in their **Next Steps Center**.
 - Coming soon in January 2026 – A new and improved Next Steps experience for UGRD students!
- **SORC on our Website**
 - The direct link to SORC is always available from [The Office of the Registrar website](#).



ABOR Exceptions

Less paperwork for new and readmitted students!

- **NEW!** SORC now guides all new and re-admitted students through questions to determine if they qualify outright for Residency for Tuition purposes **OR** if they qualify via any of the 16 ABOR residency exceptions.
- If the form determines they may qualify via an exception, they will be prompted to upload supporting documents with their submission. They can save their progress and return to the form when they are ready to upload their documents.
- Documents will be reviewed by Residency Officers and students will receive their official residency status once review is complete through email.

MILITARY STATIONED IN AZ RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATION EXCEPTION
Residency Classification Office
Administration Building Room 210
P.O. Box 210066, Tucson, AZ 85721-0066
Phone: 520-621-3113
Email: reg-sco@arizona.edu

To receive a decision for this exception request prior to the first day of classes, you must submit this form and all appropriate documentation by the appropriate deadline as notated on our website. Additional information about exception deadlines can be found by navigating to the forms and exceptions page on: <https://www.registrar.arizona.edu/residency>. Please email the form and documentation to reg-sco@arizona.edu

Students Name: _____
Students ID Number: _____ Date: _____
University of Arizona email: _____

Check one: ☐ New student ☐ Continuing Student
Semester ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall 20 _____

Tuition Policy for Military Stationed in Arizona Exception
Tuition and residency classification policy for Arizona's three state universities (The University of Arizona, Arizona State University and Northern Arizona University) is set by the Arizona Board of Regents as authorized by the Arizona State Legislature. The general rule for resident classification for tuition purposes includes evidence of 12 months continued physical presence with concurrent permanent intent to be a resident of Arizona. The Arizona Board of Regents Policy on Residency can be found at: <https://www.azregents.edu/policy-manual>.

If however, a student can demonstrate one of the following conditions they may be eligible for an Arizona residency classification for tuition purposes without meeting the one-year durational requirement:

- 1) the student is not domiciled in Arizona but is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in this state pursuant to military orders, OR
- 2) the student is the spouse or dependent child of a person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in this state pursuant to military orders at the time the spouse or dependent child is accepted for admission.

Attach the following documentation in support of your claim to the Military Member Stationed in Arizona exception:

☐ A copy of the orders or contract stationing the military member in Arizona, AND
☐ If the student claiming this exception is not listed on the spouse's orders or contract, include a copy of the marriage certificate.

Military Member's Certification of Eligibility:
I anticipate no change in my military current status or duty station. I certify that I am a member of the United States Armed Forces stationed at (check one)

Statement of Residency Classification
Submit your residency classification

1 Residency Classification

2 Residency Exceptions

3 Native American Affiliation

4 Attachments

5 Acknowledgements

Use this form to start the process of establishing your residency classification for tuition purposes. As you move through the questions, you may need to provide supporting documents as part of your submission. Please note that this form does not autosave, so we recommend saving your progress frequently to ensure you can return to the form if needed. Once you submit the form, changes cannot be made. For more information, visit the **Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes** webpage.

Are you a US Citizen?

What is your country of birth?

SAVE **NEXT**



How does the new SORC work

Examples of New SORC in Action!



This video shows the completion of the SORC by Wilma Wildcat who is a military connected student who qualifies for an ABOR Military Exception

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Examples of New SORC in Action!

NEW! SORC is now mobile friendly, allowing students to complete their form from anywhere!



This video shows the completion of the SORC by Wilma Wildcat who is a military connected student who qualifies for an ABOR Military Exception using a mobile phone.



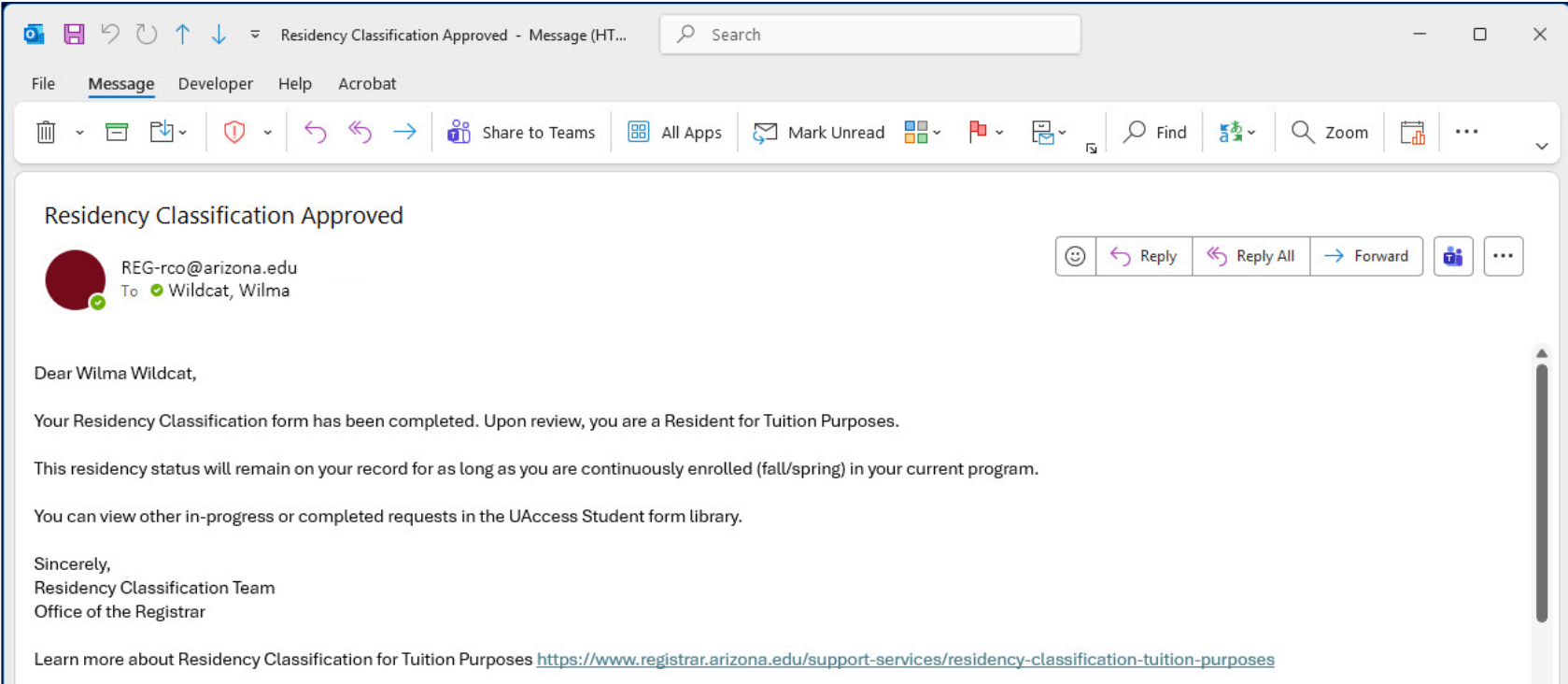
SORC Confirmation & Decision

How to view residency status

After a student submits their SORC, the Residency Classification officers will review the provided information.

Once a decision is made the student will receive an email of their decision to their official Arizona Email

The student may verify their residency status in **UAccess Student center** under **Personal Summary > Demographic Information > Residency Information**



Demographic Information

View the demographic information on file for you

ID [REDACTED] Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Basic Info
Marital Status [REDACTED] Military Status [REDACTED] Pronoun [REDACTED]

National Identification Number
Country [REDACTED] National ID Type [REDACTED] National ID [REDACTED]
[How to confirm or add your SSN or ITIN](#)

Citizenship Information
Citizenship Status [REDACTED] Country [REDACTED]

Visa or Permit Data
Type [REDACTED] Visa/Permit [REDACTED] Country [REDACTED]

Residency Information
Tuition Residency Resident

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Additional Resources

Where to find help

- [Dates and Deadlines](#)
- Learn more about your potential residency status
 - [Residency Classification Navigator](#)
- [Residency Classification for Tuition Purposes](#)
 - [Residency Guidelines](#)
 - [Residency Procedures](#)
 - [Residency Exceptions](#)
 - [Residency Classification FAQ](#)
- REG-rco@arizona.edu

Students can schedule appointments with our Residency Classification Team in Trellis!

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Looking Ahead

Continued work on modernization of the residency classification process

- New and readmitted students going will complete new SORC starting in January 2026.
- We will continue to have PDF forms on our website for the Domicile, Petition, and each ABOR exception for **continuing** students who may need them during this next year.
- By November 2026, we will go live with all additional Residency Reclassification forms within UAccess Student!

UAccess SORC Form
(Jan 2026)

UAccess Review
Request form (Nov.
2026)

UAccess Reclassification
Request forms (Nov.
2026)



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