

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona high school graduates; tuition

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-1809; RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS FOR TUITION
PURPOSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1809, to read:

4 15-1809. Arizona high school graduate tuition rate;
5 universities; community colleges; definition

6 A. A PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE
7 JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS NOT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS
8 AFTER GRADUATING FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE IS
9 ENTITLED TO THE ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE TUITION RATE IN AN AMOUNT
10 PRESCRIBED BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
11 SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERSON'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
12 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

13 B. A PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR ADMISSION TO A COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER
14 THE JURISDICTION OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD IN THIS
15 STATE NOT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AFTER GRADUATING FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE
16 HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE IS ENTITLED TO THE ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
17 TUITION RATE IN AN AMOUNT PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
18 GOVERNING BOARD. THE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL VERIFY THAT THE PERSON'S HIGH
19 SCHOOL DIPLOMA MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20 C. A PERSON WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED FOR THE ARIZONA HIGH
21 SCHOOL GRADUATE TUITION RATE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION REMAINS QUALIFIED
22 FOR THAT SAME TUITION RATE AS LONG AS THAT PERSON REMAINS CONTINUOUSLY
23 ENROLLED AT THAT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

24 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED" MEANS
25 WITHOUT NONENROLLMENT FOR TWELVE OR MORE MONTHS.

26 Sec. 2. Arizona high school graduate tuition rate; temporary
27 expansion of eligibility; definition; delayed
28 repeal

29 A. Notwithstanding section 15-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
30 added by this act, and any other law, a person who applies for admission
31 to a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents
32 before July 1, 2021 but not more than twelve years after graduating from a
33 public or private high school in this state is entitled to the Arizona
34 high school graduate tuition rate in an amount prescribed by the Arizona
35 board of regents. The Arizona board of regents shall verify that the
36 person's high school diploma meets the requirements of this subsection.

37 B. Notwithstanding section 15-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
38 added by this act, and any other law, a person who applies for admission
39 to a community college under the jurisdiction of a community college
40 district governing board in this state before July 1, 2021 but not more
41 than twelve years after graduating from a public or private high school in
42 this state is entitled to the Arizona high school graduate tuition rate in
43 an amount prescribed by the community college district governing board.
44 The governing board shall verify that the person's high school diploma
45 meets the requirements of this subsection.

1 C. A person who has previously qualified for the Arizona high
2 school graduate tuition rate pursuant to this section remains qualified
3 for that same tuition rate as long as that person remains continuously
4 enrolled at that educational institution.

5 D. For the purposes of this section, "continuously enrolled" means
6 without nonenrollment for twelve or more months.

7 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2021.