

## Process and Procedure for Student Applying for CRS 23-7-107 Tuition Classification of Chinese and Russian Students in Graduate Public Policy Programs:

The school will adopt admission procedures pursuant to this policy and provide them to prospective and admitted students.

**In-State Tuition Application:** Prospective students will need to complete additional sections in the School of Public Affairs graduate application in order to apply for in-state tuition classification. In practice, students may enroll for Fall or Spring starts to their program. Students may not select the summer term as the first term of enrollment; however, they may enroll in summer terms if required for visa status or in the best interest of the student.

Factors determining eligibility of a new student for the in-state tuition exception include:

- Citizenship in one of the designated countries
- Understanding and agreement that the student intends to return to the country of citizenship once the degree is complete,
- Admittance to a qualifying Master's program
- Completion of all immigration requirements including demonstration of financial need
- Payment of all required fees including those noted in this document,

The initial determination that a new student meets the stated requirements for in-state tuition according to this statutory exception is made by the Associate Dean for Student Success, the School of Public Affairs Recruitment Manager and / or the Program Director of the program the student is applying for. The SPA Recruit Manager or Program Director will confirm the in-state eligibility in admission processing documentation.

**Immigration Process:** The prospective student will need to follow guidance from, and the requirements of, the Office of International Affairs (OIA) International Admissions and International Student and Scholar Services units to obtain the appropriate visa, meet English language proficiency requirements, and document financial need and ability.

**Required Fees:** Any prospective student admitted and granted in-state tuition through this classification process will pay the initial international student and School of Public Affairs application fees, pay international student fees each semester of enrollment, but will not incur additional fees for annual recertification in the in-state tuition classification. No student classified as an in-state student pursuant to this policy shall be counted as a resident student for any purpose other than tuition classification.

**Eligible Countries:** The School of Public Affairs will interpret Russia, Commonwealth of Independent States, and People's Republic of China countries to include all countries ever

considered affiliated to, a member of, occupied by, a disputed territory of, or governed by another member of the former USSR, the Commonwealth of Independent States or the People's Republic of China, as well as constituent peoples who have been forcefully removed, targeted, or otherwise prevented from living in the territory but who claim nationality of these countries. This list of countries will be reviewed every five years beginning in 2030. Generally, the School of Public Affairs will include a broad interpretation of Commonwealth, People's Republic, and former USSR countries currently and historically in order to uphold the democratic principle of inclusivity and openness; by admitting and granting in-state tuition classification for a person, the School of Public Affairs does not purport to claim that a country is either diplomatically, politically, or in matters of State, a designated country in the Commonwealth of Independent States or the People's Republic of China and designations may change routinely without prejudice to any country included or excluded from designation by the School.

Eligible Countries (Revised 11.11.2024):

Armenia; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Bhutan; China; Estonia; Georgia; Hong Kong; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Latvia; Lithuania; Moldova; Myanmar; Nepal; Taiwan; Tibet; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan; Russia; Ukraine; Uzbekistan

**Continuing students:** After admittance and granting of in-state tuition, students seeking to continue with the in-state tuition classification will be required to complete recertification materials approximately 3 months prior the academic year following their initial enrollment (not initial admission semester). The recertification application is due May 1<sup>st</sup> for students who began programs in Fall semesters and October 1<sup>st</sup> for students who began programs in the Spring semester. The School of Public Affairs will notify Fall enrolled students by July 1<sup>st</sup> of their ongoing tuition classification and Spring enrolled students by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The determination that a continuing student meets the stated requirements for in-state tuition according to this statutory exception is made by the Dean and Faculty Committee in the School of Public Affairs and is supported by the Residency staff in the Registrar's Office for verification and coding in the student information system.

Factors determining eligibility of a continuing student for the in-state tuition exception include:

- Continued citizenship in one of the designated countries;
- Understanding and agreement that the student intends to return to the country of citizenship once the degree is complete;
- Continued full-time study during each Fall and Spring semester toward a qualifying Master's program;
- Good standing in the Master's program;
- Maintaining a full-time principal residence in Colorado during the time the student is enrolled;

- Continuing to maintain all immigration requirements including documentation of financial need;
- Paying all required ongoing fees including those noted in this document; and
- Submitting an annual application for in-state tuition by the deadlines for the following academic year as noted in this document.

Students granted in-state tuition classification may seek employment on campus or off campus and are eligible for scholarships as long as they comply with all visa requirements. It is strongly recommended that students seeking employment or scholarships meet with International Student and Scholar Services advisors in the Office of International Affairs to ensure they do not jeopardize their visa status or become ineligible for the in-state tuition classification.