

# **RESIDENCY DETERMINATION FOR UAB SOD TUITION PURPOSES**

**Purpose: To determine if incoming dental students are considered “resident-students” or “non-resident-students” for UAB SOD tuition purposes.**

The Office of the Registrar, the Graduate School, and the admissions/registration offices of the professional schools, as appropriate, are designated as the offices empowered at UAB to determine and certify "resident" or "non-resident" student status. Pursuant to applicable state law, [The University of Alabama System Board Rule 202](#), and [UAB policy](#), UAB SOD residency determinations are made at the point of admission. Admission is defined as the official extension of an offer to enroll in the UAB SOD educational program. The state of legal residence listed in AADSAS will be utilized to determine official residency.

The UAB SOD Admissions Office makes residency decisions in line with the Board of Trustees policy. The residency decision for all UAB SOD students is recorded in AADSAS as either “Alabama” or “Out-of-State” in the designated custom field.

Applicants must declare/confirm residency at two points in the application process for the sake of establishing tuition rates: state of legal residence listed in AADSAS and via the UAB SOD supplemental application. If a student admitted to the UAB SOD requests that their residency classification be reviewed or re-classified for tuition purposes, they must submit the UAB reclassification form along with appropriate documentation. Students are notified via email of residency reclassification decisions if they requested the reclassification or were asked by the office to provide additional documentation. Applicants’ residency status is included in the official interview invitation email.

Note that if a student is in Alabama solely or primarily for educational purposes (as demonstrated by registering for a full-time course load within the last 12 months), applicants will not be eligible for resident classification, regardless of the length of time in Alabama. Residency determinations made at the point of admission to UAB shall continue unchanged through all subsequent registrations unless a residency reclassification request is submitted and approved.

Students may appeal the residency decision. Students can file an appeal by submitting the residency reclassification application and associated materials by the posted deadline to the UAB SOD Registrar’s Office.

Helpful Resources:

[UA System Rules Regarding Residency for Tuition Purposes](#)

[UAB Student Residency Website](#)

[Application for Residency Reclassification](#)