

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK—OUT-OF-STATE VETERANS TUITION RATE

RESOLVED, That veterans who are not New York State residents be charged the same tuition rate as New York State residents for a period of 18 months from the first date of attendance at a CUNY college.

Explanation:

The City University of New York is committed to providing higher education to the significant number of veterans who have served this country, and to providing the necessary services to support their academic success. Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, most veterans who served in the military after September 11, 2011 are eligible for tuition reimbursement from the federal government. However, the Veterans Administration has ruled that veterans attending public colleges are only eligible to be reimbursed at the resident tuition rate. This ruling makes it very difficult for veterans who were not New York State residents prior to their military service to attend CUNY and live in New York for the required period to establish New York state residency.

In order to encourage veterans to apply to CUNY, and to bring their skills and talent to New York, this policy provides for veterans to be charged the in-state rate for the first 18 months of their attendance at CUNY, which should give them more than enough time to establish New York State residency under CUNY's guidelines, which require proof of residency in New York State for one year and an intent to reside in New York State permanently. If the veteran does not establish residency after 18 months, he/she will no longer be entitled to pay the resident tuition rate.

For purposes of this policy, a "veteran" is defined as an individual who was in active military service (which includes basic training) and was released under a condition other than "dishonorable". Veterans receiving resident tuition under this policy will be required to follow the same procedures as New York State residents in order to obtain the rate, including supplying necessary documentation.