

VERIFICATION OF LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

All persons applying to Central Georgia Technical College must provide verification of lawful presence in the United States; otherwise, international tuition rates will apply. Additionally, applicants requesting the in-state tuition rate, which is less than the out-of-state and international tuition rates, must provide proof of Georgia residency. Please note that requirements to receive the in-state tuition rate are different from Financial Aid requirements for state aid. Please inquire with Financial Aid for more information.

All applicants must submit one of the documents listed below to verify lawful presence in the United States and request the in-state tuition rate, if applicable*:

- Students who file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and are eligible for federal student aid will have their lawful presence verified as part of the FAFSA process.
- A clear copy of an original or certified U.S. Birth Certificate showing the student was born in the U.S. or a U.S. territory; A U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240). The copy must very clearly show the raised or written seal to be acceptable.
- A U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550 or N-570).
- A U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561).
- A current U.S. Passport.
- Unexpired Georgia and select out of state driver's licenses and state ID cards can be accepted under certain conditions. **It must be a Real ID and not contain any of the verbiage in the list below.** If the copy received has the top portion of the card cut off, the document will not satisfy lawful presence.
 - **Must NOT be marked "FN":** Alabama
 - **Must NOT be marked "Limited Term":** Alaska, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont, Wisconsin
 - **Must NOT be marked "Temporary":** Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee
 - **Must NOT be marked "Limited Term" or "Temporary":** Delaware, Montana, Texas
 - **Must NOT be marked "Limited Term." Instruction Permits, Commercial Learner's Permits, and temporary licenses cannot be accepted.:** California
 - **Must NOT be marked "Not for REAL ID purposes":** Kentucky
 - **Must NOT indicate "T" restriction:** Maryland
 - **Must NOT indicate that it is "nonrenewable and nontransferable":** Ohio
- A current military ID (service member only, not dependent). Documented using the Confirmation of Review of Military ID Worksheet - A photocopy is not acceptable.
- A current, valid Permanent Resident Card (USCIS form I-151 or I-551). A copy of both the front and back of the Permanent Resident Card is required. It must not expire before the first day of class for the term in which the student will begin coursework.
- Students admitted on an F or J Visa will have their lawful presence verified through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).
- Students admitted on any other Visa will have lawful presence verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program.

*Applicants (or parent/guardian, if the applicant is a dependent) that have lived in Georgia for 12 consecutive months or more may request the in-state tuition rate when completing the admissions application. Applicants must be lawfully present in the United States and meet the in-state tuition requirements as outlined in TCSG Board Policy and Procedure 6.2.2p. to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate. **Applicants that do not submit an acceptable form of documentation to verify lawful presence in the United States will not be eligible for in-state tuition, regardless of how long they have lived in Georgia.** Applicants and students who are initially classified as out-of-state or foreign can request to have their residency changed to in-state once verification requirements have been met.

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