I. POLICY
A. Purpose
it is the policy of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland
(USM) to recognize the categories of in‐state and out‐of‐state residency for the purpose of
admission and assessing tuition at USM institutions.
B. Qualification for In‐State Status
Generally, in order to qualify for in‐state status, a prospective, returning, or current student must
demonstrate that he or she is a permanent Maryland resident. Under certain circumstances, as set
forth in this Policy, students who are not permanent Maryland residents may qualify temporarily for
in‐state status. Students who do not qualify for in‐state status under this Policy shall be assigned
out‐of‐state status for admission and tuition purposes.
C. Standard of Proof
The student seeking in‐state status shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing
evidence that he or she satisfies the requirements and standards set forth in this Policy. Assignment

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1) Has continuously maintained his o r her prim ary living quarters in Mary land.

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B. Criteria for Change in Tuition Status

A student seeking reclassification from out‐of‐state to in‐state tu

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8) Has a legal ability under Federal and Maryland law to live permanently without interruption
in Maryland.

9) Has either not raised the presumption set forth in Section II.B above; or alternatively, if the
student's circumstances have raised the presumption set forth in Section II.B above, the
student has rebutted that presumption.

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7) An affidavit from a person unrelated to the student that provides objective, relevant
evidence of a student's conduct demonstrating the student's intent to reside in Maryland
primarily for a purpose other than that of attending an educational institution in Maryland.
8) Evidence of life and employment changes that caused the student to relocate to Maryland
for reasons other than primarily educational purposes (e.g. divorce, family relocation, taking
care of a sick family member, etc.)