

University of Utah

WUE/WRGP/WICHE Updates*

As of 08/30/2021, students will no longer be permitted to pay back WUE/WRGP (Western Undergraduate Exchange/Western Regional Graduate Program) funding in an effort to qualify for residency requirements. Students who accept and utilize WUE/WRGP and then want to qualify for residency must relinquish and be off of WUE/WRGP for at least 12 continuous months immediately prior to the requested term of residency reclassification, in addition to meeting all residency reclassification requirements.

Students may still cancel WUE/WRGP during the current term or discontinue WUE/WRGP for future terms, but retroactive cancellation and repayment is no longer permitted.

As an example: If a student accepts and utilizes WUE for both terms of their freshman year and would then like to become a Utah resident for tuition purposes, they must do the following:

- Cancel WUE for all future terms after freshman year
- Pay out of state tuition for both fall and spring terms of their sophomore year
- Work towards residency requirements in the 12 months immediately prior to the first term of their junior year
- Apply for residency prior to the start of their junior year

In this example, the student cannot repay WUE funding for their freshman year and acquire residency as a sophomore. If they relinquish WUE for the entirety of their sophomore year and meet all residency reclassification requirements, they may be eligible for residency and the resident tuition rate beginning the first term of their junior year.

**This update refers specifically to WUE/WRGP and the ability to retroactively cancel and repay WUE/WRGP funding to be able to utilize time spent on those programs towards residency for tuition purposes. It does not address any other residency policies, exceptions, deadlines or requirements. Students who cancel WUE/WRGP must still meet all other requirements of the applicable residency policies. This update is active as of Monday, 08/30/2021 and supersedes any and all forms of previous communication regarding the time utilization and funding repayment of WUE/WRGP towards residency reclassification requirements. For information on all other aspects of residency for tuition purposes, please contact our office directly.*

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