



**Out-of-Country Tuition Classification
Frequently Asked Questions
Information for the GT Campus Community
Graduate Students**

1. What does this mean and when does it take effect?

Beginning Fall 2024, the University System of Georgia (USG) implemented a new, third level of tuition classification for **out-of-country** students. Students are now classified as **residents** of Georgia, **non-residents** of Georgia, or **out-of-country** for tuition classification purposes. Students who did *not* graduate from a high school in the United States, or do *not* currently hold one of the following immigration statuses are classified as **out-of-country**.

- U.S. Citizenship
- Lawful Permanent Resident of the United States
- Other eligible non-citizen status as defined by federal Title IV [regulations](#)

2. How will students know if they have been classified as ‘out-of-country?’

Students may review their residency classification in Oscar under the *Students* tab. In this tab, click on the *Student Profile* tile. Current tuition rates are [available](#) with the Bursar's Office. For those for whom the change was made, they would have seen in the past, for example, a residency code of ‘Non-Resident Alien,’ but will now see a residency code of ‘Out-of-Country.’

3. If a student feels they have been classified as out-of-country incorrectly, what action can they take?

Students should submit the "Request for a Change in Out-of-Country Tuition Status" form if they believe that their *out-of-country* status is an error or an oversight and would like to request a review of the classification. See the link below to access the form.

Please direct questions to this email address: tuitionclass@registrar.gatech.edu.

More information is available on our website at:

<https://registrar.gatech.edu/current-students/tuition-classification>

4. Were the tuition classifications changed for the continuing student population?

Yes, this change applies to all students enrolled in the Fall 2024 term and beyond. Student records have been updated, as appropriate, with the new residency code.

5. Have incoming graduate students been coded as out-of-country and is the Office of Graduate Admission pushing out information?

Students who have applied for Fall 2024 or later who we believe to be Out of Country for Tuition Classification have had their records updated. Affected students will receive an email from Graduate Education to notify them of the change. Current students who fall into a new classification will also be contacted by the Registrar's office via email.

6. How does this change affect fix-rate programs such as OMS-Computer Science, OMS-Analytics, and OMS-Cybersecurity?

Since these are fixed-rate programs, the change does not apply to students in these programs. Students in these programs, regardless of residency status, have paid the same rate. Fees for these programs have been increased for the coming year for all students in these programs, so there will be a higher cost, but this is not due to the out-of-country coding. The out of country classification does not apply to students in these programs.

7. How does this change affect tuition-differential programs such as the MBA program?

Students in tuition differential programs are affected by this change. Students in these programs enrolled for Fall 2024 will have been updated to the out-of-country residency code, as appropriate, and will be charged the new rate. This is not an increase due to a change in the program's differential tuition, but rather the fact that the new residency code applies to students in these programs.

8. How will this change affect students funded on Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) or Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs)? Does this affect how much they will have to pay out of pocket for tuition?

There is no impact on how much GRAs and GTAs will have to pay out of pocket for tuition. Under current USG ([BoR Policy 7.3.1.2 Graduate Tuition](#)) and Georgia Tech policy ([Graduate Student Tuition Waivers](#)), students receiving a GRA or GTA tuition waiver pay a reduced tuition charge of \$25 per term. This will remain the same for students on these assistantships with an out-of-country tuition classification.

9. When will students who are looking at their statements for Fall 2024 charges see this new information? Where will students see this on their Fall 2024 statement?

The process of assessing Fall 2024 fees began on June 27. Students are able to see the activity on their accounts immediately. The official student schedule/billing statement will be available on July 5, 2024. The Bursar's Office is completing work for the new waivers on the graduate education side, and they will update the waivers with the new pricing.

10. What offices on campus were involved in the discussion around implementation of this new tuition classification?

The discussion around this change and its implementation at GT were discussed across a segment of the campus community that would be directly involved in making the changes. This was the necessary process to understand the USG policy, based on USG guidance, determine how to code the tuition classification on the student record in Banner, determine the process to assess the fees in the Bursar's Office, update appropriate student records in Banner, notify incoming students, and implement a means for students to request a review of the status if they believed it to be in error.

Representatives from the following offices made up the working group.

Bursar
Treasurer
Graduate Education
Graduate Admissions
OIT/EADI
Registrar
Undergraduate Admission
Enrollment Management
International Education
Scholarships and Financial Aid

11. Where should questions be directed?

This depends on the nature of the question.

- Questions relating to an appeal on the out-of-country code should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

tuitionclass@registrar.gatech.edu

- Questions related to pricing and fee assessment should be directed to the Bursar's Office.

bursar.ask@business.gatech.edu

- Questions related to GRA/GTA waivers should be directed to Graduate education.

grad.ask@grad.gatech.edu

12. Is there any attestation required on the application for admission or the petition for a change in the out-of-country status to stress the importance of students providing accurate information?

The application for admission requires the student to sign and date, attesting to the accuracy of the information provided, as it always has.

The petition form that the student would submit to the Registrar's Office requesting a change in out-of-country status includes the following statement, which is also used for USG out-of-state tuition waivers and requests.

I understand that any material false statement made knowingly and willingly by me on this form, or any documents attached hereto may, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-10-71, which provides that upon conviction, a person who knowingly commits the offense of false swearing shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both, subject me to prosecution in a court of law. Additionally, I further understand that any such false statement may subject me to immediate dismissal from the institution. Further, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information submitted on this form is true and complete.