

OVERVIEW

SB 68 expands AB 540 to enable students to count years spent at a California Community College and Adult School towards AB 540 eligibility. Additionally, the bill will allow the completion of an associate degree or satisfaction of the minimum requirements to transfer to the University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) to meet the degree or unit requirements. These new eligibility criteria expand possibilities for students educated in CA to qualify for in-state tuition and state-based financial aid at CCCs, CSUs, and UCs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Undocumented individuals, T and U visa holders, U.S. citizens, and lawfully present immigrants that meet eligibility criteria can apply. Individuals with international student visas, visitor visas, or other “non-immigrant” statuses are not eligible to apply.

REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540/SB 68, students must meet 2 requirements:

1) Length of time & coursework completed per school; and 2) Degree Completion, Unit Requirements, GED, or other

PART ONE

Length of time & coursework completed per school

AND

PART TWO

Degree Completion, Unit Requirements, GED, or other

Three full-time years of attendance or attainment of equivalent credits earned in a California:

- » **High School**¹
- » **Adult School**²
FT attendance = min of 420 hrs/school year
- » **Community College:**
Credit courses
12 units/semester or quarter equivalent
and max 2 years FT attendance
Noncredit courses
FT attendance = min of 420 hrs/school year
- » **or any combination of the above**

Fullfill one of the following:

- » Graduate from a CA High School
- » Obtain a certificate of completion, GED, HiSet or TASC in CA
- » Attain an associate degree from a CA Community College
- » Fulfill minimum transfer requirements for University of California or California State University

¹ California High schools must be established by the State Board of Education

² California Adult school must be established by:
• County Office of Education
• Unified School District/High School District
• The Department of Corrections and rehabilitation

OR

Three years of high school coursework and three years of total attendance in a California:

- » Elementary School
- » Secondary School
- » or any combination of these two.

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY:

Immigrants Rising's CA In-State Tuition Qualifier Tool helps you determine if you meet the attendance and degree requirements for in-state tuition. Even if you do not yet qualify, this tool can help you determine what steps you need take to meet eligibility in the future. Go to immigrantsrising.org/istt

Immigrants Rising helps you make decisions based on your potential, not your perceived limits. Visit our website so you can see what's possible: immigrantsrising.org. For inquiries regarding this resource, please contact Nancy Jodaitis, Director of Higher Education, at nancy@immigrantsrising.org