



Do I qualify as an Arizona resident?

When registering my watercraft.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department recently revised its residency definitions, please read carefully.

The term "Domicile" is defined as a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence. The term domicile means the same as residency in the state of Arizona.

Registering a Watercraft

You are eligible to register your watercraft as an Arizona resident, if you are a person who is:

- (a) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in this state for a period of 30 days immediately before the date of application for a watercraft decal.
- (b) A member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty and stationed in another state or another country and who lists this state as that member's home of record at the time of an application for a watercraft decal.
- (c) Domiciled in this state for at least six consecutive months immediately before the date of the application for a watercraft decal and who does not claim residency for any purpose in any other state or country.

If the residency of the applicant is in question, the following factors will be considered. The applicant:

1. Does not claim residency for any purpose in any other state or jurisdiction.
2. Has been issued an Arizona driver's license or an Arizona commercial driver's license. The possession of an Arizona ID card is not considered evidence of residency.
3. Is employed full-time in Arizona.
4. Files federal and/or state income taxes as an Arizona resident.
5. Is registered to vote in Arizona.
6. Is enrolled in, or has minor children enrolled in an Arizona public school without payment of non-resident tuition.

Additional Information

One can spend a large portion of every year in Arizona and not be a true Arizona resident. Ownership of property in Arizona does not entitle the owner to claim residency and has little bearing on determination of domicile. If you obtain resident rates for hunting, fishing, tags or any other special licenses or tuition in another state, you cannot apply for resident rates in Arizona. Likewise, if you exercise resident privileges for the purposes of boat registration or hunting or fishing in Arizona, you cannot do so in another state. It is unlawful to claim two states as your place of domicile at the same time.

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