

Four Items of Intent Required for South Carolina Residency:

The SC General Assembly approved updates to the Residency Regulations effective May 18, 2026. Applicants must show a minimum of four (4) items from the list below to demonstrate intent to become a South Carolina Resident or proof of South Carolina Residency.

1. Possession of a valid South Carolina driver's license, or if a non-driver, a South Carolina identification card. Failure to obtain this within 45 days of the establishment of the intent to become a South Carolina resident may delay the beginning date of residency eligibility until a valid South Carolina driver's the United States for permanent residence and the parent has physically resided and established permanent residence in South Carolina for at least 12 months after admission for permanent residence.
2. Possession of a valid South Carolina vehicle registration card for at least one vehicle the independent person is in sole or partial ownership of. Failure to obtain this within 45 days of the establishment of the intent to become a South Carolina resident may delay the beginning date of residency eligibility until the applicant obtains a valid South Carolina vehicle registrations card(s). Independents persons who do not own vehicles should notify the institution;
3. Maintenance of an established and primary domicile in South Carolina;
4. Filing South Carolina income taxes as a resident during the past tax year, including income earned outside of South Carolina from the date South Carolina domicile was claimed.

The items above are a minimum requirement. Institutions may consider additional evidence.