

**Follow Up to Question
From Trustee Raj Menon**

**re: Questions on Admissions Application for the
Purpose of Establishing Residency**

Question: Dr. Menon received an inquiry from the father of a student regarding questions on the Collin College Admissions Application that are intended to establish residency. One question that was noted from the form: *“For how many months has your guardian been married to someone who holds Deed of Trust to real property which has not or will be liquidated in the state of Texas in accordance with item’s 22-25 above, with the exception of 23c?”* Dr. Menon asked for an explanation of the questions presented on the form.

Answer from Sr. Vice President Sherry Schumann: The THECB establishes Core Residency questions that are used to determine residency for tuition purposes. The rules for establishing residency can be found in THECB 21.24 (TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, Rule 21.24 [http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=P&p_rloc=181016&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=3&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&rl=24](http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=P&p_rloc=181016&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=3&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=1&ch=21&rl=24) .

It appears the student was moving through a series of questions in the application based on the logic pathway. Dr. Schumann reached out to Dr. Alicia Huppe (responsibility includes admissions) for information about the point at which the student encountered this question in the logic pathway and our options.

Per Dr. Huppe:

For dependent students, we offer all the possible options for the parents to establish residency on one page. They had already answered the US and Texas residence questions, the application logic moved them to the section to establish domicile for tuition purposes.

We have a little institutional discretion on how the questions can show up in the application; however, that was the problem with the Apply Texas application. We were not getting enough information from that application to be able to accurately determine the establishment of domicile for tuition purposes. Our Collin College application front loads the residency questions so we are able to significantly reduce the number of students who would need to fill out an additional residency reclassification form. I agree, the wording is difficult but we are using what is provided to us by the state.

The team will review the pathway again to see how/if we could possibly streamline further.

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