

Proof of Citizenship (Non-Contract Continuing Education Program)

Aliens unlawfully present in the United States are not eligible to attend any of South Carolina's public institutions of higher learning. Each person seeking to enroll at one of the colleges within the South Carolina Technical College System must sign a statement asserting that he or she is a US citizen, a permanent resident, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

In addition to signing the statement, the person seeking to enroll must establish that he or she is lawfully present in the United States by meeting one of the following:

1. US citizens can provide one of the following documents:
 - Current/ valid South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Driver's License or Identification Card (issued after January 2002) or Driver's License or Identification Card issued by another state that verifies lawful presence in the United States (as of October 2008, the following states do not verify legal presence in the United States: Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Utah, and Washington.
 - Birth Certificate (showing birth in the United States, which includes Puerto Rico, Guan, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Swains Island) and a photo ID issued by a federal, state, or local government agency.
 - U.S. passport (current)
 - Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS issued Form N-560 or Form N-561) and a photo ID issued by a federal, state or local government agency.
 - Certification of Naturalization (USCIS issued Form N-550 or Form N-570) and a photo ID issued by a federal, state, or local government agency:

2. Permanent residents must provide one of the following, plus a photo ID issued by a federal, state, or local government agency;
 - Resident Alien Card (I-551) issued before 1997;
 - Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (I-551) issued before June 1978;
 - Permanent Residence Card with photograph issued since 1997; or
 - Letter from USCIS documenting that permanent resident status has been approved.

3. International students must be documented through SEVIS.

4. Other visa holders must be documented through SAVE.

Declaration of Citizenship or Legal Presence in the United States

The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act (S.C. Code Ann. §59-101-430 (Westlaw 2008) prohibits those unlawfully present in the United States from attending a public institution of higher education in South Carolina and from receiving a public higher education benefit. By signing this statement, you attest that you are a US citizen, a legal permanent resident in the United States, or an alien lawfully present in the United States. In addition, the college may require you to submit documentation that supports your claim.

Any student providing false information may be subject to dismissal from the college. Any student who is found to be unlawfully present in the United States will be dismissed from the college.

Print Student Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Documentation of Legal Presence in the United States: _____

Date Documentation was issued: _____

Instructor Signatures: _____ Date _____