

# On-Campus Living Regulations

The University of Louisiana System, State of Louisiana, has adopted resolutions affecting the housing policy at Louisiana Tech University and all of the other colleges and universities under its jurisdiction. In compliance with the University of Louisiana System resolutions, Louisiana Tech has adopted the following on-campus residency requirement:

**All unmarried full-time undergraduate students, regardless of age or whether or not emancipated, except those living with parents, are required to live in on-campus residence halls as long as space is available, and purchase a meal plan.**

The resolutions further define the on-campus residency requirement to include a framework within which the colleges and universities may grant exemptions to the general regulation according to the unique academic character, academic traditions, objectives, and special qualities of each institution, keeping in mind the total objectives of higher education in the State of Louisiana. The philosophy of higher education in the State of Louisiana includes, in addition to the basic and primary educational pursuits, additional enrichment afforded by student life facilities and programs, all of which form an integral part of the total educational experience of the student. In order to be consistent in granting exemptions from the on-campus residency requirement,

**All unmarried full-time undergraduate students, regardless of age or whether or not emancipated, except those living with parents will be required to make application if they wish to be considered for an exemption.**

Applications for exemption to the on-campus residence requirement must be made in writing to the Office of Student Life (Keeny Hall 305) no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the quarter for which the exemption is requested. The student will be notified by the Office of Student Life of the decision rendered by the Committee. (Forms are available in the Student Life Office and on the Student Life Web Page.) Any student who has applied for and been denied an exemption to the on-campus residence requirement shall have the right to appeal such decision to proper officials in accordance with the provisions and administrative procedures for appeal authorized and established pursuant to the authority of Act 59 of 1969 (L.R.S. 17:3101) and the rules of procedure of the State Board supplemental thereto. Such appeals will be made to the Office of Student Life and shall apply only to students who have submitted applications before the listed deadline.

Single, full-time undergraduate students who are living with their parents on a permanent basis should contact the Student Life office for information about the commuting process. Completed, notarized forms must be submitted to the Student Life Office prior to 14 days before the beginning of the quarter for which is exemption is requested.

**If the residence halls are full**, exemptions to the requirement of on-campus residence hall living may be considered according to the following priority:

1. First, undergraduate students who wish to live with a close relative, defined as grandparents, married brother, or married sister.
2. Second, undergraduate students who wish to live in social fraternity houses.
3. Third, Seniors.
4. Fourth, Juniors

5. Fifth, Sophomores
6. Sixth, Freshmen.

Within each of the foregoing classifications, the following additional rules of priority shall be applied:

1. First, students who have resided in off-campus housing the longest period of time.
2. Second, date application was received.

In addition, an exemption may be applied for in a hardship case or by an older student.

**DEFINITIONS:** The following words and phrases, in the absence of clearer indications, will be given the following interpretations:

{ **"Living with parent"** means any place of abode owned, rented, or leased and OCCUPIED on a permanent basis by the parent.

{ **"Living with close relatives"** means any place of abode owned, rented or leased and OCCUPIED on a permanent basis by the grandparent, married brother, or married sister.

{ **"Living in social fraternity houses"** means living in any house owned, rented, or leased by a University-recognized social fraternity.

{ **"Senior"** means an undergraduate student who has earned a minimum of 90 semester hours and 180 quality points.

{ **"Junior"** means an undergraduate student who has earned a minimum of 60 semester hours and 120 quality points.

{ **"Sophomore"** means an undergraduate student who has earned a minimum of 30 semester hours and 60 quality points.

{ **"Freshman"** means an undergraduate student who has not yet earned 30 semester hours and 60 quality points of college credit.

{ **"Students who have resided in off-campus housing for the longest period of time"** means the student who has lived off-campus for the most quarters, other than with parent.

{ **"Date application was received"** means recording the date the applications for exemption are received in the Office of Student Life. (Letters received on the same date will place individuals on the list in an alphabetical order.)

{ **"Hardship case"** means a person who will suffer significant hardship because of valid financial, medical, or other good and sound reasons. (Special diets are available in on-campus dining facilities.)

{ **"Older student"** means a person where a determination of fact that such individual is, by virtue of age and experience, incompatible with the residence hall age group.

Students found violating the policy as stated in the above paragraphs will be required to move into the residence hall system and pay full room rent and associated fees for the quarter in which the violation occurred. Should the student refuse to move into the residence hall and pay the rent, the student will be referred to the Behavioral Standards Committee.