



Undocumented Students (Part 1)

Victor Valley College (VVC) supports the educational, personal, and career growth and development of our students and embraces a diverse student population. AB 540 students, also known as DREAMERS, are students who presently do not have legal residency status in the United States. In 2001, the state of California made it possible for AB 540 students to attend a California Community College (CCC), California State University (CSU), and a University of California (UC) and pay in-state resident tuition as long as the student meets the following requirements:

- Attended a California high school/adult school for at least three years;
- Graduated from a California high school/adult school, passed the GED/HiSET or passed the California High School Proficiency Exam;
- Are registered or enrolled at a public institution of higher education in California;
- Complete an AB 540 California Nonresident Exemption Request

Notice: If you don't meet the requirements for AB540, please see if you meet the requirements for in-state tuition (via AB2000 or SB68) and the CA Dream Act by viewing this grid.

APPLY FOR ADMISSION

www.vvc.edu/offices/admissions-records

Take the first step – it's fast and easy! Complete and submit your free application online.

- New and returning students (those with an absence of two consecutive primary terms: fall or spring semesters; excluding summer and winter terms) must complete an [online application](#) for admission.
- Complete your application online on the [CCCApply](#) website. Create an account using a personal email or log in if you already have an account. Remember to write down and save your Student ID number. Allow 2-3 business days for your application to be processed and to receive a Welcome VVC email with your student identification number.
- Official sealed TRANSCRIPTS from other colleges/universities attended must be emailed directly from the institution to admissions@vvc.edu or mailed to Victor Valley College Admissions and Records Office, 18422 Bear Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395. **We also need proof that you have had these transcripts evaluated by an accepted evaluation company from this list.**

Acronym	Evaluation Service	Contact
APIE	Academic & Professional International Evaluations, Inc.	www.apiie.org
ACEI	Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute	www.acei-global.org
ACREVS	Academic & Credential Records, Evaluation & Verification Services	www.acerevs.com
AERC	American Education Research Corporation	www.aerc-eval.com
ECE	Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.	www.ece.org
ERES	Educational Records Evaluation Service	www.eres.com
FCSA	Foreign Credential Services of America	www.foreigncredentials.org
FSCA-WEST	Foreign Credential Services of American West, Monterey, CA	www.foreigncredentials.org
IERF	International Education Research Foundation, Inc. Credentials Evaluation Service	www.ierf.org
WES	Word Education Services	www.wes.org

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST SCORES

- Since classes at Victor Valley College are taught in English, proficiency is required for students whose native language is not English. Test scores allow us to accurately advise students into classes that will offer the best opportunity for success. Depending on your scores, you may be admitted to our academic programs or required to enter our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program to continue building your English skills. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years.
 - **TOEFL: 97 (Internet-Based test) *subject to change**
 - **IELTS: Band 7 range *subject to change**

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

- The California Dream Act became law through the passage of two Assembly Bills – AB 130 and AB 131. They allow students who meet AB540 criteria to become eligible to apply for state-funded financial aid.
 - Undocumented students who have applied and been admitted to Victor Valley College should review the AB-540 criteria to determine their eligibility to pay in-state tuition. If eligible, a California nonresident tuition exemption form should be filled out and submitted to the Admissions and Records Office.
 - AB 540: Under California Law AB 540, certain nonresident students are exempt from paying nonresident supplemental tuition.
 - California is one of six states in the nation that offer state financial aid to undocumented students. The types of financial aid undocumented students can apply for depends on their residency status. The California Dream Act, which requires students to meet AB 540/ SB 68 eligibility, increases the options of state financial aid.
 - Are all AB 540 students undocumented students? No. Citizens and permanent residents who would otherwise be classified as residents of other states who meet AB 540 criteria can qualify as California residents for tuition purposes and any financial aid benefits. Visit the CSAC California Dream Act website for more information.



Undocumented Students (Part 2)

If you're in another visa category and would like to enroll in college credit courses as an F-1 student, you may be eligible to apply for a Change of Status. Here are the steps you must take.

FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES (Continued)

• Criteria

- You must have attended a CA high school for at least 3 years.
- You must have graduated or attained the equivalent (usually passing the GED or California HS Proficiency exam).
- You must have filed for legal immigration status or will file as soon as possible. It is a legal requirement that you file an affidavit with VVC Admissions and Records swearing that this is true

*If you meet these criteria visit VVC Admissions and Records Office and complete the AB-540 Affidavit / CA Nonresident Exemption Request and attach official transcripts.

• AB-540 Eligibility Requirements

- Must have attended a California high school for 3 or more full academic years (between grades 9 through 12, inclusive and does not need to be consecutive years); AB2000 modifies this section, to also include students who attain credits in a California high school equivalent to 3 or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of 3 or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, secondary schools, or a combination of those schools.
- Must have or will graduate from a California high school or have attained a G.E.D.; or received a passing mark on the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE);
- Must register or is currently enrolled at an accredited institution of public higher education in California;
- Must file the CA Nonresident Exemption Request as required by individual institutions, stating that the filer will apply for legal residency as soon as possible;
- Must not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, E, etc.)

*Be advised that you may need to provide proper documentation to prove eligibility, such as high school transcripts. For further details and information about AB-540 and its criteria, please visit the Admissions & Records or meet with a counselor.

• SB 68:

- SB 68 Expands AB 540.
- SB 68 benefits students who didn't go to three years of high school in California.
- SB 68 allows students to count full-time attendance at a California Community College, Adult School, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction School, High School, or combination of these schools to meet the 3 years required to be eligible for in-state tuition. Students who have three years of high school coursework can also count attendance at an elementary school.
- SB 68 benefits students who don't have a California High School Diploma or didn't get their GED in California. Students will be able to use an Associate's Degree or the fulfillment of the minimum transfer requirements for the UCs or CSUs to meet the requirements. Contact the school you plan to attend for further information.
 - SB 68 Fact Sheet
 - Educator Guide to SB 68

Check your Eligibility

Immigrants Rising's CA In-State Tuition Qualifier Tool helps you determine if you meet the attendance and degree requirements for in-state tuition. Even if you do not yet qualify, this tool can help you determine what steps you need take to meet eligibility in the future.

VVC CAMPUS RESOURCES

AB 540 & SB 68 students are eligible to apply for and participate in the following programs (please contact each department to obtain more information about their requirements):

- EOPS/CARE, ext. 2422, Bldg. 23 (Student Services Center) - eops@wc.edu
- CalWORKS, ext. 2361, Bldg. 23 (Student Services Center)
- Puente, ext. 2208, Bldg. 23 (Student Services Center) - richard.alvarez@wc.edu
- Success Through Empowerment Program (STEP), ext. 2381, Bldg. 51-A - step@wc.edu
- NextUP, ext. 2929, Bldg 10B (NextUP Center) - nextup@wc.edu
- VVC Scholarship Drive, ext. 2741 (Application period: January - March 31, 2021)