



## El Camino College Compton Center Information for AB 540 Students

### **AB 540 Information**

California State Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540) allows for any student who meets all of the following requirements to be exempt from paying non-resident tuition at California community colleges, the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC).

AB 540 Eligibility Requirements:

1. The student must have attended a high school (public or private) in California for three or more years; **and**
2. The student must have graduated from a California high school (public or private) or attained the equivalent (e.g., General Educational Development - GED or California High School Proficiency Exam) prior to the start of the term at El Camino College.

Students who meet the above requirements are required to file an affidavit with the Admissions & Records Office at El Camino College Compton Center stating that he/she has an application to legalize his/her immigration status or will file an application as soon as he/she is eligible to do so. Student information obtained in this process is strictly confidential unless disclosure is required under law. Students who meet the criteria will be exempted from the payment of non-resident tuition but will not be classified as "California Residents." Students will continue to be classified as "Nonresidents." Students who are in the United States under a student or visitor visa are not eligible.

### **AB 130 Information**

California State Assembly Bill 130 (AB 130) allows for any student who meets AB 540 eligibility criteria to apply and receive, if eligible, non-state funded scholarships at all California public colleges and universities.

### **AB 131 Information**

California State Assembly Bill 131 (AB 131) allows for any student who meets AB 540 eligibility criteria to apply and receive, if eligible, state based financial aid at all California public colleges and universities. State based financial aid includes the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW), Cal Grants, and Chafee Grants. Students are also eligible to apply for state categorically funded programs including the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Act (CalWORKs). Program eligibility requirements must be met prior to admittance and is contingent on program funding.

### **Prospective Students**

Complete and submit the online admission application via CCCApply available at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) by clicking the "Apply Online" link. Be sure to indicate on the admission application that you are an AB 540 student.

Once you complete the online admission application, visit the Admissions & Records Office to obtain a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request (AB 540 Application) form. To determine your eligibility for AB 540, submit the request form and an Official sealed high school transcript that includes the graduation date; and an Official copy of the high school diploma, official copy of the GED diploma, or equivalent. Additionally, you will need to complete and submit the Board of Governors Fee Waiver Application to the Financial Aid Office.

For additional information contact the Admissions and Records Office at (310) 900-1600 x2050, or visit the Administration Building (Building A) on the El Camino College Compton Center campus.