



## PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENTS REQUIRED CHANGES TO IN-STATE TUITION ELIGIBILITY

**HOUSTON** (July 21, 2025) – In compliance with a recent federal court order and guidance from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is making required changes to in-state tuition eligibility beginning in the Fall 2025 semester.

These changes affect students who previously qualified for in-state tuition under Texas Education Code § 54.053(a)(3) but who cannot demonstrate lawful presence in the United States. Under the new legal requirements, affected students will be reclassified as non-residents for tuition purposes unless they provide documentation of lawful presence.

“We understand that this change may create uncertainty for some of our students,” said Sarina Willis, Vice President for Enrollment Management. “As a state institution, we are required to comply with both the federal court ruling and state guidance. Even so, our commitment to student support remains unchanged. We urge all students, especially those directly affected, to reach out to our office so we can explore available resources together.”

The University is reviewing each student’s residency status in accordance with the law and is notifying students who may be affected. Documentation demonstrating lawful presence aligns with the same documents accepted by the Texas Department of Public Safety for a Real ID driver’s license.

For additional information or individualized guidance, students are encouraged to contact the **Office of Admissions** at [tuitionclassification@pvamu.edu](mailto:tuitionclassification@pvamu.edu) for personalized support.

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**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY**, founded in 1876, is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas and the third largest Historically Black College/University (HBCU) in the nation. Designated as an “institution of the first class” in the Texas Constitution, the enrollment exceeds 9,000 students and over 80,000 graduates. PVAMU offers academic programs through its ten colleges and schools, boasting degree options leading to bachelor’s to doctoral-level degrees. A Carnegie-classified high-research (R2) University and a member of The Texas A&M University System, PVAMU is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service. For more information, visit [www.pvamu.edu](http://www.pvamu.edu).

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