



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

HSCEP OP: 77.18, **Border County Waiver**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Operating Policy and Procedure (HSCEP OP) extends a provision to students from Border Counties per *Texas Education Code* Section 54.231(g).

REVIEW: This HSCEP OP will be reviewed by December 1 of each odd-numbered year (ONY) by the vice president for academic affairs, with recommendations for revision forwarded to the president by December 15.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

I. **General Policy.** The Texas Tech University Regent's Rules Section 07.10.3 grants authority to the president or designee to establish waivers in accordance to state statutes.

Pursuant to *Texas Education Code Section 54.231(g)*, a student who resides in a county or parish of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, or Oklahoma, that is adjacent to Texas, is eligible for state resident tuition provided the adjoining state allows a Texas resident of a county adjoining that state enrolled at a public institution in that state to pay the tuition rate charged for residents of that state.

The Texas Tech University System has reciprocal agreements on file for New Mexico and Oklahoma that meet the requirements of *Texas Education Code* Section 54.231(g).

II. **Procedure.** At TTUHSC El Paso, students interested in applying for the Border County Waiver of non-resident tuition must meet the following requirements:

- A. Apply prior to first enrollment and re-apply annually prior to the beginning of the first semester of each Academic Year in which they are enrolled using the Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request – Border County Waiver (New Mexico Border County Waiver, Attachment A or Oklahoma Border County Waiver Form, Attachment B);
- B. Provide evidence of residency in a New Mexico or Oklahoma bordering county;
- C. Enroll in course(s) that are eligible for formula or state funding;
- D. Remain in good standing as defined by the respective degree or certificate program.

Application materials must be submitted to the Registrar's Office using the attached form: Non-Resident Tuition Exemption Request – Border County Waiver (See [New Mexico Border County Waiver Form, Attachment A](#) or [Oklahoma Border County Waiver Form, Attachment B](#)).

Note 1: If applicable, a student may indicate previous "non-resident with a waiver" status at their previous Texas institution on the core residency questions of the [TTUHSC El Paso Oath of Residency](#) form located on the [Registrar's Office webpage](#)

Note 2: If a student moves into Texas after receiving a Border County Waiver, they will be subject to the Texas State residency rules.

Note 3: Border County Waivers are not available for students who are enrolled in degree programs or tracks that are approved as an online program by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (85%) or more online.