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Verification of Lawful Presence

According to Board of Regents policy, Georgia College is required to verify the legal presence in the United States of all new and readmitted students.

As one of the five institutions within the University System that fall under the Board of Regents' Policy 4.1.6, Georgia College must also verify the lawful presence of all applicants prior to offering final admissions into the institution. This policy states:

4.1.6 Admissions of Persons Not Lawfully Present in the United States

A person who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for admission to any University System institution which, for the two most recent academic years, did not admit all academically qualified applicants (except for cases in which applicants were rejected for non-academic reasons).

All applicants must supply the proper documentation to clear this requirement before final admission will be offered. Below you will find a listing of acceptable forms of documentation and the method by which it may be supplied to Georgia College.

An applicant may clear the verification through **one** of the following:

- Applicant may apply for financial aid through Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - The applicant must be determined to be eligible for federal student aid by the Georgia College Financial Aid Office.
- Applicant may supply a **legible copy** to the Admissions Office:
 - A current Driver's License issued by the State of **Georgia** after January 1, 2008.
 - A limited term license/ID is **not** acceptable.
 - A current ID issued by the State of **Georgia** after January 1, 2008.
 - A current U.S. Passport.
 - An original or certified U.S. Birth Certificate issued by a U.S. state, county, municipal authority, or U.S. Territory bearing an official seal (the seal *must* be visible in the copy).
 - A current valid Permanent Resident Card (front and back)
 - A Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS form N-550 or N-570).
 - A Certificate of Citizenship (USCIS form N-560 or N-561).
 - A U.S. certificate of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (DS-1350) or a Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240).
- Applicant may supply **in person** to the Office of Admissions:
 - A current military ID (service member only, not dependent). Note: do not photocopy a military ID.
- Applicants that are naturalized citizens, immigrants or non-immigrants will be verified through Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) Program.

If you have any questions, contact the Office of Admissions at (478) 445-1283 or by email at admissions@gcsu.edu.