

# **PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

## **ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS MUST BE PRESENTED AND COPIES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**

This is a general summary of state law, 33-1-102(38), C.R.S., regarding residency. It is intended for general informational purposes only, not legal notice. License applicants should read and rely upon 33-1-102(38) to answer any specific questions they may have regarding residency.

### **PURCHASING OR APPLYING FOR A COLORADO “RESIDENT” HUNTING AND/OR FISHING LICENSE**

- For purposes of determining residency for hunting and fishing license sales, a Colorado “resident” is any person who has lived in this state for at least six consecutive months immediately prior to the date of license application or license purchase with the intention of making Colorado their primary state of residency.
- The burden of proof regarding residency is on the person buying the license.
- Keep documentation with you while hunting, as you may be required to furnish proof of residency while you are in the field.
- A person cannot claim more than one state (or country) of residence, with the exception of Armed Forces personnel and students filling the residency qualifications below.
- You cannot obtain a Colorado “resident” license if you have purchased a “resident” license in another state in the last six months.
- You cannot claim residency if you have applied for, purchased or accepted a resident hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country; register to vote in another state or foreign country; or have a driver license that shows an address other than Colorado.
- Youths, under 18 years of age, are considered to have the same legal residency as their legal guardian. This is usually the state in which the youth is enrolled in school.

### **COLORADO DRIVER LICENSE OR COLORADO STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD**

If your Colorado Driver License or Identification Card was issued at least six months or more prior to date of expected purchase/application it will be considered evidence of Colorado residency. According to state traffic laws, within one month of establishing residency in Colorado, you must obtain a Colorado Driver license and any applicable vehicle registrations.

**If your Colorado State Driver License or Colorado State Identification Card was issued or renewed less than six months prior to purchase/application, you must provide**

- additional documentation that proves that you have been a resident for the required six months:
- You must provide at least two or three sources of documentation from this list. For example, if you are using your phone bill as part of your proof, you must provide a phone bill from each of the past 6 months plus at least one other item from this list that would reflect residency of the last 6 consecutive months.
  - Owning property in the state of Colorado does not in itself establish residency.

- **Income Sources** (Pay stubs, Social Security check stubs)
- **Utility Bills** (phone, electric, gas, cable, etc.)
- **State Income tax documents** (as full time resident)
- **Leasehold -Lease Agreements - Rent receipts**
- **Motor Vehicle Registration**
- **Voter registration card**

**If you are Armed Forces Personnel:** Armed forces personnel on active duty in Colorado under permanent orders are eligible to purchase/apply for “resident” hunting/fishing licenses. Armed forces personnel who maintain Colorado as their “home of record” are eligible to purchase/apply for “resident” hunting/fishing licenses.

- **Military Orders (PCS)**
- **Official Military Documentation**

**If you are a Student:** Full-time students enrolled in any accredited trade school, college or university in Colorado for the past six months can purchase/apply for resident hunting/fishing licenses. Colorado residents who attend trade school or college on a full-time basis out-of-state and pay non-resident tuition are considered “residents” and can continue to purchase/apply for “resident” licenses.

- **School Transcripts**
- **Class Schedule**
- **Proof of Payment**
- **Valid Student Identification Card**
- **Non-Resident tuition payment or proof of Non-Resident Status with current transcripts**