

## ***IMPORTANT MESSAGE / RESIDENCY DETERMINATION***

***EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2017*** – Bladen Community College will no longer be able to validate residency status for students or make any changes in residency status. The North Carolina State Legislature has established the RESIDENCY DETERMINATION SERVICE (RDS) which will serve as the single authority for determining whether a student qualifies for in-state tuition.

If a student does not have a residency certification number (RCN), it must be obtained prior to submitting an application for admission to Bladen Community College. Click on the “Steps to Apply” in the “Which Kind of Student are You?” section to start your BCC journey!

### ***RESOURCE INFORMATION FOR RESIDENCY DETERMINATION:***

Frequently Asked Questions for RDS

Documents you MUST HAVE to Complete the RDS Interview – Click onto “INITIAL CONSIDERATION”

For information concerning your completed RDS interview, password resets, extra documentation, or appeals please use the following contact information. ***NOTE: Appeals to residency status must be directed to the NC residency committee, not Bladen Community College. Bladen Community College is not authorized to establish or change an applicant’s residency status.***

### **RDS CALL CENTER / HOURS OF OPERATION:**

844.319.3640 (toll free)

910.835.2427 (fax)

Monday – Thursday (8:00 AM until 8:00 PM)

Friday (8:00 AM until 5:00 PM)

### **MAILING ADDRESS:**

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