

New Fee Classification Waiver Code for Federal Service Employees Summer 2026 Mid-Term Collection

Beginning with the Summer 2026 Mid-Term (MT) 20271 Academic Data Collection, a new fee classification waiver code will be available for Federal Service Employees under 20 U.S. Code § 1015d and USG Policy 7.3.4.1.

20 U.S. Code § 1015d states:

In the case of a member of a qualifying Federal service whose domicile or permanent duty station is in a State that receives assistance under this chapter, such State shall not charge such member (or the spouse or dependent child of such member) tuition for attendance at a public institution of higher education in the State at a rate that is greater than the rate charged for residents of the State.

University System of Georgia Policy 7.3.4.1

Military and Other Members of a Qualifying Federal Service

This policy will be updated to align with 20 U.S. Code § 1015d and include “qualifying Federal service officials.” This adds Foreign Service of the State Department and certain members of the Intel community (National Intel, CIA, NSA, etc...).

A new code for qualifying through Federal Service will allow the USG to track students qualifying by federal service in addition to military service under 20 U.S. Code § 1015d.

Current codes under Policy 7.3.4.1 Military and Other Members of a Qualifying Federal Service

1. WMIL: Active-duty military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children.
2. WNGM: Active members of the Georgia National Guard stationed or assigned to Georgia or active members of a unit of the U.S. Military Reserves based in Georgia, and their spouses and their dependent children.
3. WRSM: Separated military members from a uniformed military service of the United States.

New Fee Classification Waiver Code

Category: Waiver

Code: WFED

Description: Federal Service – Member, Spouse, Dep Child

Fee Classification data is currently collected from Banner Page TSAAREV. Institutional codes may be translated to USG valid values on Banner Administrative Page SOAXREF label RGTDETC.

ITS will send out additional communication regarding these changes closer to the Summer 2026 MT collection. Institutions are also encouraged to sign up for beta testing with ITS prior to the opening of the Summer 2026 MT collection. Institutions should refer to the “USG Manual for Determining Tuition Classification and Awarding Out-of-State & Out-of-Country Tuition Waivers” for guidance on awarding and applying this out-of-state tuition waiver.

These changes to the collection were approved at the January 2026, Academic Data Governance Committee meeting.

As always, we appreciate all you do for the Academic Data Collection. Please contact us at support@usg.edu if you have any questions.