



# Fact Sheet

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS IN NEVADA

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The State of Nevada has varying residency requirements dependent upon the purpose for claiming in-state residence. Provisions of Nevada law are summarized below. The referenced provisions under *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) may be reviewed through the Legislature's website at: <http://www.leg.state.nv.us>.

### LEGAL RESIDENCE

Unless otherwise required by a specific statute, [NRS 10.155](#) provides that the legal residence of a person in Nevada is that place where the person has been physically present within the State during the period for which residency is claimed. Legal residence starts on the day that such actual physical presence begins. If a person leaves the jurisdiction of his or her residence with the intention, in good faith, of returning without delay and continuing his or her residence, the time of absence is not considered in determining the fact of residence.

### ADOPTION

Persons are required to be residents of Nevada for six months prior to the granting of an adoption petition ([NRS 127.060](#)). Persons who have lived in Nevada for less than six months and residents of another state or jurisdiction are exempt from the residency requirement if the petition for adoption is filed for the adoption of a child who is in the custody of an agency which provides child welfare services or a child-placing agency licensed by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services.

### MARRIAGE

[Nevada Revised Statutes 122.040](#) requires persons desiring to be married in Nevada to obtain a marriage license from the clerk of any county in the State. However, no residency requirements exist regarding marriage.

### ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGES CONTRACTED OUTSIDE OF NEVADA

One of the parties seeking an annulment must have resided in the State for at least six weeks ([NRS 125.370](#)).

### DIVORCE

One of the parties filing for divorce must have been a resident of the State for at least six weeks before filing a complaint ([NRS 125.020](#)).

