



## TANF 302-1 Residency

**Supersedes:** TANF 302-1 (7/1/07)

**Reference:** ARM 37.78.221

**Overview:** Applicants and clients must be Montana residents.

**RESIDENCY:**

Residency is established when an individual is living in Montana voluntarily with the intention of making a home here and not for a temporary purpose.

Residency does not depend upon the reason for which the individual entered the state, except it may indicate whether he/she is here voluntarily or for a temporary purpose. The individual's written declaration of intent to reside permanently or seek employment in the state of Montana verifies the residency requirement. There is no durational requirement, such as having to reside in Montana for six (6) months prior to applying for or receiving public assistance.

Residence is retained until abandoned. A client's temporary absence (not to exceed 90-consecutive days) from the state does not interrupt continuity of residence.

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