

Academic Fresh Start

Academic Fresh Start is a provision of the “Right to an Academic Fresh Start” legislation published in the Texas Education Code, Section 51.931. Under this law, a Texas resident may apply for admission to an institution of higher education and, at the same time, request that the institution ignore all academic course credits or grades earned 10 or more years prior to the start date of the semester for which the applicant seeks admission. An applicant who elects to take advantage of Academic Fresh Start may not pick the course credits or grades that are to be eliminated from consideration. All course grades and credits must be excluded from GPA calculation and use toward degree/certificate requirements.

To apply for an Academic Fresh Start at Weatherford College, a student who is a Texas resident must submit a signed acknowledgement form as part of the application process. A student should carefully review this document to be sure all conditions of this option are understood. The signed acknowledgement form must be submitted to the Director of Admissions.

Even though the academic coursework will not be considered, official transcripts from all former institutions must be submitted to Weatherford College.

If the student requesting an Academic Fresh Start is a former Weatherford College student, all prior coursework will remain on the Weatherford College academic transcript. A notation will be recorded on the transcript that identifies those courses as eliminated by Fresh Start. Courses taken prior to the Fresh Start may not be used to fulfill degree/certificate requirements at Weatherford College.

The Academic Fresh Start is irrevocable. Once the Fresh Start is requested, approved, and posted to the Weatherford College transcript, it may not be revoked. It is important to realize that all courses with passing grades, and any prerequisites with passing grades will need to be retaken.

Academic Fresh Start must be requested at the time of admission or readmission. If an Academic Fresh Start has been declared at a previous institution, there is no need to request it when applying to Weatherford College. In this situation, the official transcript from the transferring school **MUST** indicate the Academic Fresh Start.

The Academic Fresh Start does NOT impact any federal regulations pertaining to financial, and it does NOT apply to veterans who are eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill. All prior coursework must be evaluated and applied to the veteran’s degree requirements.

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- I understand and accept the provisions of the Academic Fresh Start program as described above.
 - I acknowledge that I will not receive credit for any academic work earned 10 or more years ago.
 - I certify that I have provided a complete and accurate record of my academic history.
 - I understand that this action cannot be revoked.

Academic Term of Application: _____

WC Student ID: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Full Name (*printed*): _____

Full Name (*signature*): _____