



**ATHLETE WEALTH
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TAXATION OF PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES: RESIDENCY DOCUMENTATION

State of residency at the time of signing can have a significant impact on your overall tax liability. We work with our clients to gather information as it happens to ensure that all documentation is already in place upon notification of an examination at a later date.

To follow is a comprehensive information request list. We help you gather and document all of the items listed below to strengthen your residency case in the first couple of years you establish permanent residence.

1. Copy of driver's license in new state of residency.
2. Copy of automobile registration.
3. A complete copy of the contract signed by you **and** the Commissioner of MLB, including all schedules, exhibits, amendments and addendums. The purpose of this document is to ensure that the move took place prior to the contract being signed.
4. Documentation confirming the date the signing bonus was received, such as bank statements showing deposit of payment. The purpose of this is to show again that the move took place prior to any money being received.
5. Documentation to substantiate the dates you attended high school (i.e. school transcripts). The state will review transcripts to verify that the move out of the state took place at a reasonable date in relation to when school obligations ended.
6. Documentation to substantiate where you resided once you moved out of state. This would include rental / lease agreements, closing statement (if applicable), utility bills, etc. This is a very important aspect of the documentation as it truly shows intent to move out of state and establishing ties in your new state of residence.
7. Complete copies of all monthly credit card statements reflecting credit card charges incurred during the years the signing bonus is received. The state will use these statements to verify where you are throughout the year.
8. Complete copies of all bank statements reflecting banking activity during the years the signing bonus is received. The state will examine the bank accounts in the same manner as the credit card statements in order to show where you were throughout the year.
9. Complete copies of your federal tax returns including any supporting documentation and all schedules.