

6.5.2.1 Tuition and Registration Fee Waivers

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) waives tuition and registration fees to students enrolled in courses in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes (N.C.G.S.).

Purpose/Definitions:

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with N.C.G.S. whereby tuition and registration fee waivers may be issued to students enrolled in courses at PCC.

Definitions

Authorized Group or Organization—A category of students or organizations that are authorized by law to be granted a tuition or registration fee waiver.

Eligible Training—Training that the State Board of Community Colleges has approved that is eligible to be waived for a specific authorized group, consistent with law.

Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver—A waiver that exempts an individual from paying curriculum tuition or continuing education registration fees that would otherwise be required to enroll in a course and deposited with the State Treasurer. The amount waived represents revenue foregone by the State. A tuition and registration fee waiver shall not be construed to mean inclusion of any other fees or charges (i.e. local fees, textbooks/supplies, and insurance) that are required for enrolling in a course or program. The amount charged to students who qualify as a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115D-39 and N.C.G.S. 116-143 is not a tuition waiver for the purposes of this Subchapter.

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College's Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Student Development; Vice President, Instruction/CAO; and Vice President, Administrative Services/CFO have monitoring authority for this policy.

Procedure:

Section 1: Proof of Eligibility

- 1.1. To obtain a waiver for a course section that begins at any point during an academic term, an individual must establish proof that they are a member of an authorized group or organization as of the first day of the applicable academic term or course section to meet the criteria provided in 1G SBCCC 200.93 and 1G SBCCC 200.94.

Section 2: Admission Requirements

- 2.1. Persons in an authorized group or organization must meet the same admission requirements as students that are not in an authorized group to enroll in courses for which the student is eligible for a waiver.
- 2.2. Refer to N.C.G.S 115D-5 and N.C.G.S 115D-39 for a listing of authorized groups or organizations.

Section 3: Annual Reporting Requirement

- 3.1. As directed by the System Office, the College shall report the amount of tuition and registration fees waived by the College on behalf of individuals who are members of authorized groups or organizations on an annual basis to the System Office.
- 3.2. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, students eligible for an authorized waiver shall be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes (BFTE) in a manner consistent with non-waived students, assuming all applicable reporting requirements are met.

Section 4: Exclusions

- 4.1. Community colleges shall not grant tuition and registration fee waivers to students enrolled in self-supporting courses.
 - 4.1.1. The community college shall charge the student the self-supporting fee or use institutional funds to pay for the self-supporting fee on the student's behalf.

Section 5: Misrepresentation of Eligibility

- 5.1. Any applicant who willfully misrepresents their eligibility for these benefits under N.C.G.S. 115D-5, or any person who knowingly aids or abets such applicant in misrepresenting his eligibility for such benefits, will be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

Legal Citation: [N.C.G.S. 115D-5](#), [N.C.G.S. 115D-39](#), [N.C.G.S. 116-143](#), [1E SBCCC 800.1](#), [1E SBCCC 800.2](#), [1G SBCCC 200.93](#), [1G SBCCC 200.94](#)

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