

WAC 478-161-020 Waiver of tuition and fees. (1) The board of regents is authorized to grant tuition and fee waivers to students pursuant to RCW 28B.15.910 and the laws identified therein. A number of these statutes authorize, but do not require, the board of regents to grant waivers for different categories of students and provide for waivers of different fees. For the waivers that are authorized but not required by state law, the board of regents must affirmatively act to implement the legislature's grant of authority under each individual law. The permissive waivers that the board has implemented are noted in subsections (5) and (6) of this section. Permissive waivers not listed in subsection (5) or (6) have not been implemented. A full list of permissive waivers adopted by the board of regents and a list of mandatory waivers can be found online on the University of Washington's office of the university registrar website. Mandatory waivers are also listed in university policy.

(2) Even when it has decided to implement a permissive waiver listed in RCW 28B.15.910, the university, for specific reasons and a general need for flexibility in the management of its resources, may choose not to award waivers to all students who may be eligible under the terms of the laws. The university's description of the factors it may consider to adjust a waiver program to meet emergent or changing needs is found in subsection (7) of this section. All permissive waivers are subject to subsection (7) of this section.

(3) The board of regents also has the authority under RCW 28B.15.915 to grant waivers of all or a portion of operating fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.031. Waivers granted under RCW 28B.15.915 are subject to subsection (7) of this section.

(4) No waivers contained in this section will be awarded to students participating in self-sustaining courses or programs.

(5) Pursuant to its authority to grant permissive waivers under RCW 28B.15.910 and the laws cited in this subsection, the board of regents adopts the waivers of all or a portion of nonresident tuition fees differential contained in the subsections listed below, with the accompanying noted limitations. These limitations are in addition to any limitations set forth in RCW.

(a) RCW 28B.15.014(1);

(b) RCW 28B.15.014(2). Waivers under this subsection shall be restricted to four consecutive quarters from the employee's initial date of employment with the University of Washington. The employee must be employed on or before the first day of the quarter for which the waiver is awarded;

(c) RCW 28B.15.014(3). Waivers under this subsection shall be restricted to persons who reside in Washington state;

(d) RCW 28B.15.225; and

(e) RCW 28B.15.544 and chapter 28B.70 RCW.

(6) Pursuant to its authority to grant permissive waivers under RCW 28B.15.910 and the laws cited in this subsection, the board of regents adopts the following waivers contained in the sections listed below, with the accompanying noted limitations. These limitations are in addition to any limitations set forth in RCW.

(a) RCW 28B.15.100(3);

(b) RCW 28B.15.540(2);

(c) RCW 28B.15.555 and 28B.15.556;

(d) RCW 28B.15.558. All waivers authorized by RCW 28B.15.558 shall be subject to such additional limitations as determined by the provost, pursuant to the terms of subsection (7) of this section. These limitations on employee and course eligibility can be found in

university policy in administrative policy statement (APS) 22.1. The office of the university registrar also maintains a list of excluded courses and programs. As authorized by RCW 28B.15.558(5) waivers shall be awarded to eligible University of Washington employees before considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the institution;

(e) RCW 28B.15.615;

(f) RCW 28B.15.621(2). The university adopts this waiver only as to:

(i) Undergraduate students pursuing their first bachelor's degree to a maximum of 225 college-level credits, including credits transferred from other institutions of higher education; and

(ii) Full-time graduate or professional degree students, provided however, that the waiver may be applied only toward a single degree program at the University of Washington, and provided further, that graduate and professional degree students who received a waiver authorized by RCW 28B.15.621(2) as undergraduates at the University of Washington shall not be eligible for this waiver.

To qualify an individual as an "eligible veteran or National Guard member," the person seeking the waiver must present proof of domicile in Washington state and either a DD Form 214 (report of separation) or other documentation indicating they meet the criteria in RCW 28B.15.621(8).

(g) RCW 28B.15.740(1); and

(h) RCW 28B.15.740(2).

(7) The university may modify its restrictions or requirements pursuant to changes in state or federal law, changes in programmatic requirements, or in response to financial or other considerations, which may include, but are not limited to, the need to adopt fiscally responsible budgets, the management of the overall levels and mix of enrollments, management initiatives to modify enrollment demand for specific programs and management decisions to eliminate or modify academic programs. The university may choose not to exercise the full funding authority granted under RCW 28B.15.910 and may limit the total funding available under RCW 28B.15.915.

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