

WAC 172-144-140 Collection of outstanding financial obligations.

After making a final determination regarding a person/entity's outstanding financial obligation, if the debtor fails to pay the debt within the time specified by the university, the university may pursue any lawful means to collect the debt. This includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Registration/Transcripts: The university may withhold admission or registration privileges, conferring of degrees, and the issuance of academic transcripts for a person who has an outstanding financial obligation to the university, even if the debt has been assigned to another agency, entity, or department.

(2) Collections: If the debt remains unpaid for more than 30 days after notice of the university's final determination, the university may assign the debt to a collection agency in accordance with RCW 19.16.050. If the debt is assigned to a collection agency, the debtor is responsible for all collection fees, which may be based on a percentage up to fifty percent of the unpaid charges, and all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees related to collection of the unpaid debt.

(3) Civil Action: The university may initiate a civil action against the debtor to recover the debt.

(4) Travel Costs: Financial obligations which result from travel advances or travel-related expenditures will be addressed and collected consistent with the office of financial management's policies.

(5) Other: The university may pursue any other lawful means of recovering the outstanding financial obligation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.35.120(12). WSR 15-24-047, § 172-144-140, filed 11/23/15, effective 12/24/15.]