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1 Purpose

To establish the administrative guidelines under which a differential fee (also referred to as the Foreign Student Fee) is charged to international undergraduate and graduate students in addition to regular tuition fees.

Background

The Maritime foreign student differential fee policy was established in 1979 by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. The Commission’s method for implementing the differential fee supplement had been to deduct from institutions’ operating grants a specified amount per full-time equivalent international student. This method was based on the expectation that the institutions had collected from international students the deducted amount through the differential fee. Effective April 1, 1996, MPHEC and the Province changed the policy to allow the University to establish and retain the international student fee.

2 Scope

The following students are NOT assessed an International Student Differential Fee:

- a) A Canadian citizen;
- b) A permanent resident (formerly Landed Immigrant);
- c) A visitor who has entered Canada as a diplomat or consular officer; as a properly accredited representative of another country, or of the United Nations; as a member of staff of any of the above; or as a member of a foreign military force;
- d) A visitor who has received entrance approval for the purpose of employment;
- e) A person who is sponsored and financially assisted by one of the following:
 - the Canadian International Development Agency
 - the International Development Research Centre
 - the International Centre for Ocean Development
 - WUSC
 - the World Bank
 - the Inter-American Development Bank
 - the Asian Development Bank
 - the Caribbean Development Bank
 - the African Development Bank, and
 - any program of financial assistance to students under an aid program of the

United Nations or its agencies, provided such a program is recognized and assisted, directly or indirectly, by the Government of Canada. Qualifying programs include: Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships, NRC Associateships, CIDA bilateral traineeships and any sponsoring programs of the Food and Agricultural Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the World Health Organization.

- f) A person who is receiving full financial support from a registered international charitable foundation whose aid program is primarily aimed at low-income developing countries. Such foundations include national church organizations and the Rotary Club International.
- g) A spouse or dependant of any of the above. A person who is a spouse or dependant of a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident must show proof of their dependant status having been established a minimum of three years prior to the application for exemption.
- h) A person who is studying in Canada under a cultural exchange agreement between the Government of Canada or one of the provincial governments of the Maritime Provinces and the government of another country provided that the number of places made available in Maritime institutions normally equals the number of places made available to Maritime residents in the other country.
- i) Same as item (h) except the exchange agreement is between an institution in the Maritimes and an institution in another country in an official exchange program.
- j) Medical interns and residents.
- k) DVM students paying non-resident student fees.

Other exemptions than those listed above are considered on an individual basis, such as for students holding United Nations refugee status. Retroactive exemption may be granted to those students who are studying on a student authorization visa on the December 1 count date, and receive notification of landing (permanent residency) later in the academic year. The landing papers must be dated and received by institutional officials before the end of the academic year (April 30).

Responsibility

Responsibility for administration of this policy rests jointly with the Comptroller and the Registrar.

1. Fee Level

The International Student Differential Fee is approved by the University's Board of Governors in the schedule of fees contained in the annual University operating budget. Part-time international students are charged on a per course basis.

2. Definitions

The following definitions are used in the application of the differential fee:

- a) **international student** - an individual studying in Canada under a Student Authorization issued by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission;
- b) **full-time student** - a student taking nine (9) or more semester hours of credit in any semester.