

TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES

SUBCHAPTER 100. DEFINITIONS

1E SBCCC 100.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

- (a) “Enroll” – To become a student in a course section by registering for the course section and either making payment or receiving financial aid for that course section. For the purposes of this definition, a tuition or registration fee waiver is a form of financial aid.
- (b) “Local Fees” – A fee charged to a student for a good or service provided by the college other than instruction.
- (c) “Register” – To complete the procedure defined by the college to sign up for a course section.
- (d) “Registration Fee” – The amount charged to a student to enroll in a continuing education course section that earns budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99.
- (e) “Self-Supporting Fee” – A fee charged to a student to enroll in a course section that is offered on a self-supporting basis, as provided by 1E SBCCC Subchapter 600.
- (f) “Tuition” - The amount charged to a student to enroll in a curriculum course section that earns budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99.
- (g) “Waive” – To exempt a student from paying a charge that would otherwise be required and adjust the student’s account accordingly. The amount waived represents revenue foregone by the entity that would have otherwise received the benefit of the revenue.
- (h) “Audit” – Shall have the same meaning as in 1D SBCCC 700.1(a).

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SUBCHAPTER 200. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1E SBCCC 200.1 Authority to Establish Tuition and Fees

- (a) Colleges shall charge students tuition and registration fees consistent with this chapter. Colleges are authorized to charge self-supporting and local fees established by their boards of trustees consistent with this chapter.
- (b) Colleges shall provide students through publicly-available means information about all approximate tuition and fees required for a course prior to enrollment. Tuition and fees shall be kept to a minimum consistent with the State Board philosophy to keep student costs as low as possible.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 200.2 Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay

- (a) Time Due. If a student registers on or before the first date of a course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due on a specific date prescribed by the college that is on or before the first date of the course section. If a student registers after the first date of the course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due at the time of the student's registration. A student may satisfy the requirement for payment due through one or more of the following four methods:
 - (1) Directly paying the college.
 - (2) Demonstrating to the college's satisfaction that the student is eligible for financial aid or other third-party payment.
 - (3) Entering into a deferred payment plan authorized by 1E SBCCC 200.2(b).
 - (4) Providing evidence of eligibility for a tuition or registration fee waiver consistent with 1E SBCCC 800.

To ensure tuition receipts are deposited to the credit of the fiscal year in which the Fall academic term occurs, colleges shall begin collecting curriculum tuition payments for the Fall academic term on or after July 1 of that year.

- (b) **Deferred Payment.** The college may, with approval of the board of trustees, prescribe written procedures to permit short-term deferred payment or payment in installments; provided, however, that payment in full is due by the end of the academic term. For the purposes of this section, “short term” is defined as a period that does not extend beyond the last day of the academic term.
- (c) **Failure to Pay.** Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may not enroll or distribute an academic credential to a student with an outstanding balance for tuition or registration fees except under the following circumstances:
 - (1) The college anticipates that the outstanding balance will be paid using pending financial aid;
 - (2) A person or organization demonstrates to the satisfaction of the college the ability to pay the outstanding obligation and guarantees in writing to pay the balance if the student fails to do so;
 - (3) A student is registered in a course section offered for the benefit of a company or agency. For the purpose of this rule, company or agency specific course sections are courses where the company pays the tuition or registration, and courses where attendance in the course section is limited to employees of the company or agency;
 - (4) A student is classified as a captive or co-opted student pursuant to 1D SBCCC 700.98(a); or
 - (5) A student is registered in a course that is on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges and supports the organizational training needs for entities specified in G.S. 115D-5(b)(2).

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may withhold transcripts of grades and any other service pending resolution of outstanding monetary obligations. This statement shall not be construed to prohibit a college's board of trustees from adding more stringent provisions that are allowable under law regarding outstanding monetary balances.

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1E SBCCC 200.98 Authority to Establish Tuition and Fees

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1E SBCCC 200.99 Deposit of Fees

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SUBCHAPTER 300. CURRICULUM TUITION

1E SBCCC 300.1 Tuition for Curriculum Programs

- (a) Tuition Rates. The State Board shall set a uniform tuition rate per credit hour and a maximum tuition amount per academic term for resident and non-resident students consistent with actions taken by the General Assembly.
- (b) Tuition Required. Colleges are required to charge students tuition to enroll in a curriculum course that earns Budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99.

Students are required to pay tuition, or have a third-party pay on their behalf, to enroll in a curriculum course, unless waived by law. See also 1E SBCCC Subchapter 800.

- (c) Tuition for Student Enrolled in More than One College. If a student enrolls for the same academic term at two or more community colleges, the student may pay the total amount of tuition and registration fees to the student's "home" college, at the discretion of the "home" college. For the purposes of this section, "home" college means the college in which the student initially enrolls for the academic term. The "home" college shall work with the other college or colleges in which the student is enrolled to ensure the student is not charged more tuition than the maximum allowed by the State Board for the academic term. Student membership hours as defined in Chapter G for instruction received shall be reported by the college in which the respective instruction occurred.
- (d) Deposit of Tuition. All tuition receipts are State funds. Colleges must deposit all tuition receipts to the credit of the State Treasurer, consistent with State law.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 300.2 Family Relocation Tuition

- (a) As provided by G.S. 115D-39(a), community colleges may charge resident tuition rates to nonresident students who are members of families that were transferred to this state by businesses, industries, or civilian families transferred by the military, for employment. Prior to enrollment at the resident tuition rate, the nonresident student shall fulfill the following conditions:
- (1) Demonstrate that his or her family moved to this state within the 12 months preceding enrollment;
 - (2) Present a letter to the college from the employer on corporate letterhead stating that the employee, through whom the student claims this benefit, relocated to this state for employment with that business, industry, or military establishment;
 - (3) Present proof of his or her familial relationship with the employee, unless the student is the employee;

- (4) Present proof that the student lives in the same house with the employee, unless the student is the employee;
 - (5) Present proof that the student is financially dependent on the employee through which the student claims this benefit, unless the student is the employee; and
 - (6) Comply with the requirements of the Selective Service System, if applicable.
- (b) The number of students at a college eligible for resident tuition under this Rule in a given academic year shall not exceed one percent of the average number of nonresident students, rounded up to the next whole number, enrolled at the college during the preceding academic year. If a college charges resident tuition to students eligible under this section, eligible students shall be granted this benefit on a first-come, first-served basis.
- (c) Each local board of trustees shall adopt and publish a written policy specifying whether the college will charge resident tuition rates to nonresident students who satisfy the provisions of this section. If a local board of trustees adopts a policy that allows the college to charge resident tuition rates to nonresident students who satisfy the provisions of this section in some instances and not in others, the local board of trustees' policy shall specify the factors the college will use to determine when to grant the resident tuition rate and when to deny the resident tuition rate.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39

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1E SBCCC 300.99 Tuition and Fees for Curriculum Programs

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SUBCHAPTER 400. CONTINUING EDUCATION REGISTRATION FEES

1E SBCCC 400.1 Continuing Education Registration Fees

- (a) Registration Fee Rates. The State Board shall set a uniform registration fee schedule for continuing education courses based on course length, consistent with actions taken by the General Assembly.
- (b) Registration fee required. Colleges are required to charge students a registration fee to enroll in a continuing education course section that earns budget FTE as described in 1G SBCCC 100.99. Students are required to pay a registration fee, or have a third-party pay on their behalf, to enroll in a continuing education course, unless waived by law. See also 1E SBCCC Subchapter 800.
- (c) Deposit of Registration Fees. All registration fee receipts are State funds. Colleges must deposit all registration fee receipts to the credit of the State Treasurer, consistent with State law.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 400.99 Fees for Extension Programs

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SUBCHAPTER 500. ADULT HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST FEES

1E SBCCC 500.1 Adult High School Equivalency Test Fees

- (a) Adult High School Equivalency Testing Fee. The State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a uniform fee charged to students taking an adult high school equivalency test administered at a community college. The adult high school equivalency testing fee is separate and in addition to the fee, if any, charged by and retained by a third-party entity under contract with the System Office to provide the adult high school equivalency test.
- (b) Required Payment. Students must pay the adult high school equivalency testing fee prior to taking any test within the adult high school equivalency test battery.
- (c) Deposit of Fees. All adult high school equivalency testing fee receipts are State funds. Colleges must deposit all testing fee receipts to the credit of the State Treasurer, consistent with State law.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 500.99 Reserved for Future Codification

SUBCHAPTER 600. SELF-SUPPORTING COURSE SECTIONS

1E SBCCC 600.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Subchapter:

- (a) “Direct costs” - The costs required to provide an instructional course section. Examples of direct costs include, but are not limited to, instructor salaries and salary-related benefits (i.e. retirement contributions, health insurance, etc.), travel to and from the instructional site, course curriculum development costs, instructional supplies, equipment, building rental, insurance, advertising, printing, postage, mailing costs, and any other costs specifically related to the course section. Refreshments and meals may be included as a direct cost if disclosed to potential students prior to the start of the course section.
- (b) “Indirect costs” – The costs associated with activities and services that support instruction, but which cannot be exclusively assigned to a course section. Examples of indirect costs include, but are not limited to, student services, administrative costs, utilities, custodial services, and security services, which cannot be exclusively assigned to a course section.
- (c) “Self-supporting” - Funding the direct and indirect costs of a course or set of courses through receipts collected from students or from a third-party on behalf of students enrolled in the course or set of courses.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 600.2 Authority to Charge Self-supporting Fees

- (a) Authority to Charge. Colleges are authorized to offer curriculum and continuing education course sections on a self-supporting basis and charge self-supporting fees to students who enroll in self-supporting course sections.
- (b) Local Policy. The board of trustees shall adopt a policy regulating self-supporting activities prior to a college offering self-supporting course sections. This policy shall include, at minimum, the following elements:
 - (1) The method the college must use to determine self-supporting fee rates, and
 - (2) The permissible uses of excess funds generated from self-supporting activities.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 600.3 Self-supporting Fee Rates

- (a) A college shall set all self-supporting fees consistent with the policy adopted by its board of trustees. A college may adopt different self-supporting fees for different courses and activities, subject to the limitations established by this subsection.
- (b) Curriculum Self-Supporting Fee Rates: Colleges shall determine self-supporting fees for curriculum courses using one of the following two methods of calculation:
 - (1) Pro-rata Share Method. The amount charged to each student shall approximate the pro-rata share of the direct and indirect costs associated with providing self-supporting instruction. Unless the college can demonstrate a need for a higher rate, a college may estimate indirect costs by applying its federal indirect cost rate or a rate up to 25%, whichever is higher, to the direct costs of providing the self-supporting activity. The amount charged to the student shall be calculated based on either 1) the estimated costs of an individual self-supporting course section divided by the number of students expected to enroll in the course section or 2) the estimated costs of a set of self-supporting course sections divided by the number of students expected to enroll in the set of course sections. Each student must pay the self-supporting fee even if the sum of the curriculum tuition and self-supporting fees charged to the student for the academic term exceeds the maximum tuition rate set by the State Board and academic term.
 - (2) Transparent Rate Method. The college shall charge each student an amount consistent with the curriculum tuition rate based on residency status. The transparent rate method shall only be used if the receipts generated through this method can adequately support the direct and indirect costs of the self-supporting instruction.

- (c) Continuing Education Self-Supporting Fee Rates: Colleges shall set self-supporting fees for continuing education course sections at a level at or below the local market rate for the type of continuing education instruction provided.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 600.4 Deposit and Use of Self-supporting Fees

- (a) Deposit of Self-Supporting Fees. Colleges shall deposit self-supporting fee receipts in an institutional unrestricted general ledger account. Any course section initially designated as self-supporting cannot be changed to a State-funded designation after the college collects any receipts for the course section.
- (b) Use of Self-Supporting Fee Receipts. Self-supporting fee receipts shall be used to support the direct and indirect costs of the self-supporting course sections. Colleges shall not use state funds for direct costs of self-supporting course sections. If a full-time faculty member teaches a self-supporting course section, colleges shall either 1) pro-rate the faculty salary based on the time allocated between state-funded and self-supporting course sections in the faculty member's course load, or 2) reimburse State funds an amount equal to the number of instructional hours associated with self-supporting course section multiplied by the instructor's hourly rate of pay.
- (c) Excess Receipts. If self-supporting receipts exceed expenditures for the fiscal year, colleges shall use excess receipts to either support the costs of future self-supporting course sections or to support costs authorized by 1E SBCCC 700.7.

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1E SBCCC 600.99 Fees for Extension Programs

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SUBCHAPTER 700. LOCAL FEES

1E SBCCC 700.1 General Provisions

- (a) Authority to Charge. Colleges are authorized to charge local fees that are established by the local board of trustees under the provisions of this Subchapter.
- (b) Local Policy. The local board of trustees must establish all local fees and adopt policies governing the use of local fee receipts, consistent with this Subchapter.
- (c) Deposit and Use of Local Fees. Colleges shall deposit receipts derived from local fees in an unrestricted institutional account. Colleges shall use local fee receipts only for the purposes for which the fee was approved by the local board of trustees, consistent with this Subchapter.
- (d) Local Fees Charged to Students Attending More than one College: If a student enrolls for the same semester at two or more colleges of the system, the student shall pay local fees required by each institution, as prescribed by the colleges' local fee policies.
- (e) Annual Reporting Requirement. The college shall report all required local fees established by the board of trustees to the System Office on an annual basis as directed by the System Office.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 700.2 Student Activity Fees

- (a) Student Activity Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish a fee charged to students to support student activities. The student activity fee shall not exceed \$35 per academic term. Student activity fees shall not be charged to individuals who participate only in meetings or seminars organized by the college. For the purposes of this Subchapter, “meeting or seminar” means a group of people gathered on a one-time basis primarily for discussion under the direction of a leader or resource person(s).
- (b) Use of Student Activity Fee Receipts: Colleges shall use student activity fee receipts to support the cost of providing student activities, excluding those activities listed in sub-subsection (3) below.
- (1) Permissible Activities: For the purposes of this section, “student activity” means an activity that is provided primarily for the benefit of students and whose participants are primarily students, excluding instruction for which students pay tuition and registration fees. Examples of student activities include the following:
- (A) student centers;
 - (B) student government associations;
 - (C) student clubs;
 - (D) student enrichment and student social activities;
 - (E) student identification cards;
 - (F) student athletics;
 - (G) student health services; and
 - (H) student accident insurance
- (2) Permissible expenses: In support of student activities, the college may use student activity fee receipts to support the following types of expenses:
- (A) College personnel directly providing student activities, such as student government association staff, student activity coordinators, coaches, club sponsors, or club advisors;
 - (B) Stipends or scholarships to students who serve as officers of student organizations;
 - (C) Employee and student travel to student activities held at off-campus locations;
 - (D) Other purchased goods or services needed to conduct the student activity;

- (E) Equipment, including vehicles, used directly for student activities;
- (F) Capital improvement projects constructed for student activities, such as student centers, student lounges, and athletic facilities. If a capital improvement project serves multiple purposes, student activity fee receipts may be used to support capital expenditures in proportion to the square footage of the project dedicated to student activities.

(3) Impermissible expenses: Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts to support personnel and other operating costs related to college employees having positions that are the fiscal responsibility of the State or local governments and do not directly support student activities, including, but not limited to, academic advisors, counselors, recruiters, admissions staff, and security personnel. Colleges shall not use student activity fee receipts for capital improvements projects constructed for purposes other than student activities.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 700.3 Instructional Technology Fees

- (a) Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish a fee charged to students to support student access to instructional technology. The instructional technology fee shall not exceed \$48 per academic term for curriculum students and \$5 per course for continuing education students. However, subject to the prior approval of the SBCC, local boards of trustees have the authority to establish an instructional technology fee that exceeds the \$48 per academic term for curriculum students. Instructional technology fees shall not be charged to individuals who participate only in meetings or seminars.
- (b) Use of Fee Receipts. Instructional technology fee receipts shall be used to support costs of procuring, maintaining, and operating instructional technology, including both information technology (hardware and software) used primarily for instructional purposes and specialized instructional equipment necessary for hands-on instruction. Colleges are authorized to use instructional technology fee receipts to hire support

positions to operate, maintain, and repair this technology, as well as buy the necessary supplies and materials for operations. Instructional technology fee receipts shall not be used to purchase computers and other technology used primarily by college employees, nor may instructional technology fee receipts be used to support positions that do not directly support this instructional technology.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 700.4 College Access, Parking and Security (CAPS) Fees

- (a) Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish a fee charged to students to use college parking facilities and college property.
- (b) Use of CAPS Fee Receipts. CAPS fee receipts shall only be used to support costs of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining the college's parking facilities, parking enforcement, and security of college property. Security costs include, but are not limited to, salaries, related benefits, and operating costs associated with security personnel; contracted security services; vehicles, equipment, and capital improvements necessary to secure college property.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 700.5 Required Specific Fees

- (a) Fee Rates. The local board of trustees is authorized to establish specific fees to support other required academic costs for consumable goods or services that are specifically required for a course. Such academic costs include, but are not limited to, tools, uniforms, insurance, certification/licensure fees, e-text, lab and other consumable supplies. The local board of trustees shall set specific fee rates based on the estimated cost of providing the good or service.
- (b) Use of Specific Fee Receipts. Specific fee receipts shall be used for the purposes for which they are charged. If specific fee receipts exceed expenditures for the purposes

for which they are charged, the college must expend the excess receipts consistent with the provisions outlined in 1E SBCCC 700.7.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 700.6 Other Fees

- (a) The local board of trustees is authorized to establish other fees. "Other fees" means fees to support costs of goods or services provided by the college that are not required for enrollment. Examples include, but are not limited to, student health and other insurance fees, graduation fees, transcript fees, optional assessment fees, library/equipment replacement fees, and fees to participate in a specific event or activity. The local board of trustees shall set other fee rates based on the estimated cost of providing the good or service.
- (b) Use of Fee Receipts. Other fee receipts shall be used for the purposes for which they are charged. If other fee receipts exceed expenditures for the purposes for which they are charged, the college must expend the excess receipts consistent with the provisions outlined in 1E SBCCC 700.7.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 700.7 Excess Fee Receipts

If receipts collected through fees authorized by 1E SBCCC 600.3, 1E SBCCC 700.5, 1E SBCCC 700.6, and 1H SBCCC 300.1(g) exceed expenditures on authorized purposes, the following provisions apply:

- (a) Excess receipts shall only be used for one or more of the following purposes: instruction, student support services, student financial aid (e.g. scholarships, grants, and loans), student refunds, student activities, curriculum development, program improvement, professional development, promotional giveaway items, instructional equipment, and capital improvements and acquisition of real property.

(b) Excess receipts shall not be used for any of the following purposes: supplemental compensation or benefits of any personnel, administrative costs, entertainment expenses, and fundraising expenses.

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1E SBCCC 700.98 Other Fees

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SUBCHAPTER 800. WAIVERS

1E SBCCC 800.1 Definitions

The following definitions apply to this subchapter:

- (a) “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 G.S. 115D-39 and G.S. 116-143 is not a tuition waiver for the purposes of this Subchapter.
- (b) “Authorized Group or Organization” - A category of students or organizations that are authorized by law to be granted a tuition or registration fee waiver.
- (c) “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.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 800.2 General Provisions

- (a) Proof of Eligibility. To obtain a waiver for a curriculum course section that begins at any point during an academic term, an individual must establish proof that he or she is a member of an authorized group or organization as of the first day of the applicable academic term to meet the criteria provided in 1G SBCCC 200.93. To obtain a waiver for a continuing education course, an individual must establish proof that he or she is a member of an authorized group or organization as of the first day of the course section to meet the criteria provided in 1G SBCCC 200.94.
- (a1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), trainees enrolled in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) courses must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency that is effective as of the first day of the course section to be eligible for a tuition or registration fee waiver and meet the criteria provided in 1G SBCCC 200.93 or 1G SBCCC 200.94. The college must maintain

documentation of the sponsorship on file. A sponsorship letter shall remain effective for one year from the date of issuance unless the law enforcement agency rescinds its sponsorship earlier. If the law enforcement agency rescinds its sponsorship prior to the student completing the course section, the student shall be in class membership if he or she otherwise meets the criteria for class membership provided in 1G SBCCC Subchapter 200 and any applicable local policies adopted pursuant to 1D SBCCC 400.2(c). The student must pay the applicable tuition or registration fees to remain enrolled in the course section.

- (b) Admission Requirements. 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.
- (c) Proof of Eligibility. To obtain a waiver, individuals must establish proof of eligibility as a member of an authorized group or organization. To be eligible for a tuition or registration fee waiver, trainees enrolled in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) courses must obtain a letter of sponsorship from a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency prior to enrollment and uphold the terms of the sponsorship until completion of the BLET course. The college must maintain documentation of the sponsorship on file.
- (d) Reporting FTE: 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.
- (e) Self-Supporting Courses: Community colleges shall not grant tuition and registration fee waivers to students enrolled in self-supporting courses. 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.
- (f) Annual Reporting Requirement. As directed by the System Office, the college shall report the amount and number 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.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 800.97 Tuition and Fees for Curriculum Programs

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1E SBCCC 800.98 Fees for Extension Programs

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1E SBCCC 800.99 Fee Waivers for the Human Resources Development Program

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SUBCHAPTER 900. REFUNDS

1E SBCCC 900. 1 Curriculum Tuition Refunds

(a) The following definitions apply to this provision:

- (1) “Academic period” – An academic term or subdivision of an academic term during which a college schedules a set of course sections.
- (2) “Non-regularly scheduled course section” – A course section that meets the definition of “non-regularly scheduled course section” found in 1G SBCCC 200.93(c).
- (3) “Off-cycle course section” – A regularly scheduled course section that is not offered consistent with an academic period.
- (4) “Officially Withdraw” – The removal of a student from a course section by one of the following methods:
 - (A) The student notifies the authorized college official, as defined by the college’s published procedures for withdrawal, of the student’s intent to disenroll in a course section as outlined in the college’s published procedures for withdrawal; or

- (B) The college removes the student from the course section because the college cancels the course section or for any other reason authorized by written college policy.
- (5) “On-cycle course section” – A regularly scheduled course section that is offered consistent with an academic period.
- (6) “Regularly scheduled course section” – A course section that meets the definition of “regularly scheduled course section” found in 1G SBCCC 200.93(b).
- (b) Unless otherwise required by law, community colleges shall not issue a tuition refund using State funds except under the following circumstances:
 - (1) On-Cycle Course Sections:
 - (A) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college prior to the first day of the academic period as noted on the college calendar.
 - (B) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the college cancels the course section in which the student is registered.
 - (C) After an on-cycle course section begins, a college shall provide a 75 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college from the course section prior to or on either of the following, as determined by local college policy and noted on the college calendar:
 - (i) The 10 percent point of the academic period, or
 - (ii) The 10 percent point of the course section.
 - (2) Off-Cycle Course Sections:
 - (A) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college prior to the first day of the off-cycle course section.
 - (B) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the college cancels the course section in which the student is registered.
 - (C) After an off-cycle course section begins, a college shall provide a 75 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn

by the college from the course section prior to or on the 10 percent point of the course section.

(3) Non-Regularly Scheduled Course Sections:

(A) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college prior to the first day of the non-regularly scheduled course section.

(B) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the college cancels the course section in which the student is registered.

(C) After a non-regularly scheduled course section begins, a college shall provide a 75 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college from the non-regularly scheduled course section prior to or on the 10th calendar day after the start of the course section.

(c) Notwithstanding section (b), if the State Education Assistance Authority makes a final validation determination prior to the 10 percent point of the course section or academic term, as determined by local college policy and noted on the college calendar, a college shall provide a 100 percent refund using State funds if all of the following conditions apply:

(1) At the time of the student's registration, the State Education Assistance Authority made an initial determination that the student was a resident for tuition purposes, as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a).

(2) After validation of the information provided in the student's residency application, the State Education Assistance Authority subsequently determines that the student was a nonresident for tuition purposes, as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a).

(3) The student officially withdraws from the course section within 10 calendar days of the college notifying the student of the change in residency status.

(c1) If the State Education Assistance Authority makes a final validation determination that a student is a nonresident for tuition purposes, as defined in G.S. 116-143.1(a), after the 10 percent point of the course section or academic term, as determined by local college policy and noted on the college calendar, the college shall apply the nonresident tuition determination to the following term.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#);

Amended Eff. [February 1, 2017](#).

1E SBCCC 900.2 Continuing Education Registration Fee Refunds

(a) The following definitions apply to this provision:

- (1) “Non-regularly scheduled course section” – A course section that meets the definition of “non-regularly scheduled course section” found in 1G SBCCC 200.94(b).
- (2) “Officially withdraw” – See definition in 1E SBCCC 900.1(4).
- (3) “Regularly scheduled course section” – A course section that meets the definition of “regularly scheduled course section” found in 1G SBCCC 200.94(a).

(b) Unless otherwise required by law, community colleges shall not issue a registration fee refund using State funds except under the following circumstances:

- (1) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college from the course section prior to the first course section meeting.
- (2) A college shall provide a 100 percent refund to the student if the college cancels the course section in which the student is registered.
- (3) After a regularly scheduled course section begins, the college shall provide a 75 percent refund upon the request of the student if the student officially withdraws or is officially withdrawn by the college from the course section prior to or on the 10 percent point of the scheduled hours of the course section. This sub-section applies to all course sections except those course sections that begin and end on the same calendar day. Colleges shall not provide a student a refund using State funds after the start of a course section that begins and ends on the same calendar day.
- (4) After a non-regularly scheduled course section begins, the college shall provide a 75 percent refund upon the request of the student if the student withdraws or is withdrawn by the college from the course section prior to or on the 10th calendar day after the start of the course section.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 900.3 Refund Due to Death of Student

If a student, having paid the required tuition or registration fees for a course section, dies prior to completing that course section, all tuition and registration fees for that course section shall be refunded to the estate of the deceased upon the college becoming aware of the student's death.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 900.4 Military Refund

(a) Upon request of the student, each college shall:

(1) Grant a full refund of tuition and registration fees to military reserve and National Guard personnel called to active duty or active duty personnel who have received temporary or permanent reassignments as a result of military operations that make it impossible for them to complete their course requirements; and

(2) Buy back textbooks through the colleges' bookstore operations to the extent allowable under the college's buy back procedures.

(b) Colleges shall use distance learning technologies and other educational methodologies, to the extent possible as determined by the college, to help active duty military students, under the guidance of faculty and administrative staff, complete their course requirements.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#);

Amended Eff. [September 1, 2014](#).

1E SBCCC 900.5 Refund of Self-Supporting and Local Fees

Local boards of trustees shall adopt local refund policies for self-supporting fees and local fees.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

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1E SBCCC 900.98 Tuition and Fees for Curriculum Programs

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SUBCHAPTER 1000. AUDITED COURSES

1E SBCCC 1000.1 General Provisions

- (a) Tuition and Fees Required. Except as otherwise provided by law, students who audit a course section are required to pay the applicable tuition, registration fee, and other fees charged consistent with this Chapter.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115B-2.2;

Temporary Adoption Eff. [July 1, 2017](#);

Amended Eff. [November 1, 2017](#).

1E SBCCC 1000.2 Special Provisions for Senior Citizens

- (a) Definition of Senior Citizen. For the purposes of this provision, an individual is a senior citizen if the individual is at least 65 years of age as of the first day of the applicable course section. The individual must provide proof of age through a driver's license, State identification card, or other government-issued document.
- (b) No Tuition or Registration Fee Required. Notwithstanding 1D SBCCC 700.1; 1E SBCCC 300.1, 1E SBCCC 400.1, and 1E SBCCC 1000.1(a) and consistent with G.S. 115B-2.2, a senior citizen may audit a course section without payment of any required tuition or registration fee.
- (c) Self-Supporting Fees Required. Senior citizens shall pay the applicable self-supporting fee for enrollment or registration into a self-supporting course section.
- (d) Local Fees. Senior citizens shall pay any applicable local fees to audit a course section consistent with the college's local fee policies.
- (e) Reporting: Colleges shall follow System Office procedures for tracking and reporting the number of senior citizens who audit courses under subsection (b). Student membership hours associated with senior citizens who audit courses under

subsection (b) shall not be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes (budget full-time equivalent students).

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115B-2.2;

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