

## FEES EXEMPTIONS INFORMATION

2026-2027

### 1. Students Exempt from the International Premium

International Students are exempt from international student tuition premiums under certain conditions, as determined at the time of the student's enrolment in a college course or program of instruction. Exempt students as identified below, are to pay the regular, or high demand tuition fees and their enrolment is eligible for base funding.

Categories of individuals exempt from international student premiums are as follows:

- Canadian citizen: a citizen of Canada as defined in the *Citizenship Act* or a person registered as an Indian as defined in the *Indian Act*.
- Permanent resident: a permanent resident as defined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*. For the purposes of this policy, a permanent resident is a person who has been granted a permanent resident status and has not had this status revoked.
- Applicant who meets the eligibility requirements for permanent residency status: a person who has met all the preliminary requirements for permanent resident status and presents a copy of the letter that confirms that Citizenship and Immigration Canada has accepted his or her application for permanent resident status.
- Spouse or dependant family member of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Protected person: A person who has been determined to be a Convention refugee or a person in need of protection by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) or by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada. A student eligible for international fee exemption as a protected person is to present a protected person status document issued under section 31(1) of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* or a "notice of decision" issued by the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada or by the Immigration and Refugee Board.
- Applicant for Convention refugee status prior to 1989: a person admitted to and remaining in Canada, who applied for Convention refugee status prior to January 1, 1989, and his or her spouse and dependants. The applicant must provide documentation from Citizenship and Immigration Canada indicating that his or her application for Convention Refugee status was made prior to January 1, 1989, or a letter indicating his or her exemption from the requirement for employment authorization. All refugee claimants who applied for Convention refugee status prior to 1989 should have been issued this letter.

- Official visitor and spouse or dependent family members and staff: an official visitor is a foreign representative who, with official accreditation from the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, has entered Canada or is in Canada to carry out official duties:
  - As a diplomatic agent or consular officer; or
  - As a government-accredited representative or official of a country other than Canada, of the United Nations or any of its agencies, or of any intergovernmental organizations of which Canada is a member.
  - A spouse or dependent family member or a member of the staff of any official visitor is also exempt from international student premiums. This official visitor status must be indicated on the student's Visa/Passport.
  - The dependent must be 24 years old or under as of the start date of the program to be eligible for the fee reduction.
- Foreign military and spouse or dependent family members: a member of a foreign military force or of a civilian component thereof, admitted to Canada under the *Visiting Forces Act*, and the family members of such personnel.
- Foreign clergy member and spouse or dependent family members: a person who will be providing services to a religious congregation in Ontario for at least six months and the family members of such personnel.
- Institutional exchange student: a person admitted to and remaining in Canada under provisions of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, who is studying in Canada under a formal agreement between a provincially assisted institution in Ontario and a post-secondary institution in another country, provided that, under such agreement, the number of places made available in post-secondary educational institutions in Ontario normally equal the number of places made available to Ontario residents in the other country or institution as the case may be.
- Foreign worker and spouse or dependent family members: a foreign worker is a foreign national who is authorized to work in Canada having been issued a work permit. For purposes of this category, a foreign worker is to present a valid work permit which names a Canadian employer situated in Ontario and the prospective occupation, and is valid for at least six months. The family member must present the foreign worker's work permit. If a student has a work permit without naming a specific Canadian employer situated in Ontario, the student and his/her family members are not exempted from international student fees.

Family members are defined consistent with the regulations under the Immigration and Refugees Protection Act for purposes of exemption as:

- a spouse or common-law partner (common-law status requires proof of co-habitation for at least 12 consecutive months as per *Citizenship and Immigration Canada*, please see: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=347&top=14> for more information);
- a dependent child, or the dependent child of a spouse or common-law partner, visa must note any relationship claimed; and

- a dependent child of the dependent child referred to above. Visa must note any relationship claimed. Children of common-law spouses must have been claimed on the previous year's income tax.

A dependent child is a child who is a biological child who has not been adopted by a person other than the spouse or common-law partner, or an adopted child, and who is in one of the following situations of dependency:

- under age 22 and not a spouse or common-law partner.
- Enrolled continuously at Algonquin College since before age 22
- 22 years of age or older, has depended substantially on the financial support of the parent since before the age of 22 and is unable to support themselves financially due to a physical or mental condition. (The financial dependency must have been ongoing since before the age of 22. It is not necessary for the physical or mental condition to have existed before the age of 22.)

Where changes to federal legislation and regulation immigration and refugee status are in conflict with the fee exemption eligibility requirements described in this document, federal legislation and regulation are to take precedence.

If a requirement for fee exemption eligibility is met partway through a semester, the exemption is to apply to the next semester of the student's enrolment.

*Note: If the student fails to provide documentation to the college for an exemption situation that occurred prior to the start of the term, the exemption will become effective in the next/subsequent term.*

Where the status of a student who was eligible for exemption from international tuition fees changes partway through his or her program of instruction due to circumstances beyond the students control (e.g., as in the case of the dependant of a diplomat whose parent is reassigned to another country), the exemption is to continue while the student completes the original courses or program of instruction for which he or she was granted exemption from international student fees. The continuation of the fee exemption does not apply to any other course or program of instruction that the student may undertake following completion of the original course or program.

## **2. Students Exempt from the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee**

- 2.1** Students whose programs call for off-campus study for the whole term in a Co-op program pay only 10% of the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee for that particular Co-op work term.

### **Co-op Programs:**

Students in a co-operative option of the following programs pay the 10% Co-op Student Activity Fee per work term:

1215X Applied Nuclear Science and Radiation Safety  
0188X Architectural Technician  
0018X Architectural Technology  
1535X Artificial Intelligence Software Development  
6900X Bachelor of Applied Science (Building Conservation) (Honours)  
6519X/A/B/C/D Bachelor of Engineering (Automation and Robotics)

1512X/A/B/C/D/E/F Bachelor of Building Science  
6450X/A/B/C/ Bachelor of Digital Marketing Communication (Honours)  
6066X/A/B/C/D Bachelor of Commerce (e-Supply Chain Management)  
6237X - Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing) (Honours)  
6328X - Bachelor of Commerce (Strategic Human Resources Management) (Honours)  
6180X - Bachelor of Culinary Arts and Food Science (Honours)6179X - Bachelor of Event,  
Sport, and Entertainment Management (Honours)  
6225X/A/B/C/D Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management  
6148X/B Bachelor of Interior Design  
1600B/C Bachelor of Public Safety (Honours)  
6520X/A Bachelor of Technology (Business Systems Development)  
6525X/A Bachelor of Technology (Digital Health)  
1020X Biotechnology - Advanced  
0306X Business (Pembroke)  
1938X Business – Agriculture  
0214E Business – Marketing  
0216E Business Administration  
0216G Business Administration - International Business  
0216L Business Administration - Supply Chain and Operations Management  
1514X Business Intelligence System Infrastructure  
0242X - Business Management and Entrepreneurship  
0192X Civil Engineering Technology  
1531X - Cloud Development and Operations  
0006X Computer Engineering Technology - Computing Science  
0336X Computer Programming  
1561X Computer Programming & Analysis  
0150X Computer Systems Technician  
1560X Computer Systems Technician - Networking  
0190X Construction Engineering Technician  
1530X Cyber Security Analysis  
0317X Electrical Engineering Technician  
0318X Electrical Engineering Technology  
0550X - Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technician  
1524X Energy Management  
1517X Environmental Management & Assessment  
1588X Geographic Information Systems  
1406X Horticulture Industries  
6149X Interactive Media Design  
1420X Interdisciplinary Studies in Human-Centred Design  
3002X Web Development and Internet Applications  
1303X Marketing Research and Analysis  
0010X Mechanical Engineering Technology  
0210A Office Administration - Executive  
1511X Powerline Technician  
1312X Project Management  
1523X Regulatory Affairs – Sciences  
1319X - Supply Chain Management - Global  
1182X Technical Writer

- 2.2** Students whose programs call for off-campus study for the whole term – clinical placement or project placement programs – pay only 10% of the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee for that particular term.

***Programs with Clinical Placements or Project Placements:***

3005X Advanced Care Paramedic, Level 3  
0446C Applied Museum Studies, Level 6  
1617B/X Bachelor of Early Learning and Community Development, Level 7  
1618X Diagnostic Medical Ultrasonography, Level 3, Level 4  
1303X Marketing Business Intelligence Research, Level 3  
1615X Medical Radiation Technology, Level 4, Level 5, Level 6  
6307X Personal Support Worker (RN, GC and PH Campus Only), Level 1, Level 2  
0606X Respiratory Therapy, Level 5, Level 6  
1693X Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography, Level 3, Level 4

- 2.3** Students whose programs call for five or fewer weeks of on-campus study in a given term – a term, for example, that includes a work placement of 10 weeks or more – pay only 35% of the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee for that particular term.

0620X Paramedic, Level 4  
1704X/1704I/1704F Practical Nursing, Level 4  
0925X Teachers of English as a Second/Foreign Language, Level 1, Level 2: 10% of Student Activity Fee, Athletics and Recreation Fee, and Student Experience Fee

- 2.4** Students registered in Career and College Preparation programs are exempt from the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee.
- 2.5** Off-cycle full-time students in field placement courses only pay 10% of the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee for that particular term.
- 2.6** Students in full-time online programs are exempt from the Student Activity Fee and Athletics and Recreation Fee.

**3. Students Exempt from the Graduation and Transcript Fees**

Students registered in Academic Upgrading programs are exempt from the Graduation Fee and Transcript Fee.

**4. Off-Campus Programs**

College programs offered off-campus may be eligible for an exemption to the Information Technology Fee.

**5. Students Exempt from the Health Services Fee**

Students in weekend offerings of full-time programs do not pay the Health Services Fee.

Students in full-time online programs do not pay the Health Services Fee.

**6. Students Exempt from the Health Plan Fee**

Students in full-time online programs do not pay the Health Plan Fee.

**7. Students Exempt from the Student Experience Fee**

Students in full-time online programs do not pay the Student Experience Fee.

**8. Students Exempt from the U-Pass and U-Pass Administrative Fees**

Students registered at the Perth and Pembroke campuses and students in full-time online programs do not pay the U-Pass and U-Pass Administrative Fees.

**9. Exception to the Information Technology Fee for CE Courses**

Exceptions to the Information Technology Fee for CE courses must be presented to the Vice President Academic's office for approval by the Vice President Academic.

**10. Apprenticeship Programs**

Apprenticeship programs other than the Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship programs are exempt from all ancillary fees, with the exception of the Information Technology Fee and Program Related Ancillary Fees.