

Registration Fee Guarantee Program (Option A)  
and  
Predictable Pricing Program (Option B)

as recommended by the  
NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group  
as of October 17, 2018

**OPTION A**

**POLICY PROPOSAL**

**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, *new* SECTION 2**

**Registration Fee Guarantee Program**

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***Section 2 – Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program***

***1. Effective Fall 2019, the Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program (Guarantee Program) is hereby established to provide predictable pricing for students and families.***

***2. Guaranteed Registration Fee***

***In addition to the registration fees established pursuant to Section 1 of this Chapter, each year the Board of Regents shall establish guaranteed registration fees for undergraduate courses at the universities, state college and community colleges. The guaranteed registration fees shall not increase during the student's guarantee period. The guaranteed registration fees shall be established as follows:***

- a. At the universities and state college, the guaranteed registration fee for undergraduate courses shall be based on an average of the undergraduate registration fees for the next four years.***
- b. At the community colleges, the guaranteed registration fee for lower-division courses shall be based on an average of the lower-division registration fees for the next two years.***
- c. At the community colleges, the guaranteed registration fee for upper-division courses shall be based on an average of the upper-division registration fees for the next four years.***

***3. Guarantee Period***

- a. The guarantee period shall be:***
  - i. At a university or the state college, four years starting with the student's initial fall or spring semester of enrollment at the university or state college; and***
  - ii. At a community college, two years for lower-division registration fees and four years for upper-division registration fees starting with the student's initial fall or spring semester of enrollment at the community college.***
- b. If a student does not complete his or her degree within the guarantee period, for the first academic year following the end of the guarantee period, the institution shall charge the student the guaranteed registration fee charged to students who first enrolled in the academic year following the student's first semester of enrollment. After the additional academic year, the institution shall charge the student the current, non-guaranteed registration fee.***

4. *Applicability*

- a. *All New Degree-Seeking Students – All students whose initial semester of enrollment is Fall 2019 or later shall be automatically enrolled in the Guarantee Program upon enrollment.*
    - i. *Transfer/Concurrently Enrolled Students – Students who transfer to an NSHE institution or are concurrently enrolled Fall 2019 or later shall be automatically enrolled in the Guarantee Program at that institution upon enrollment in a program of study leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate at the institution, regardless of enrollment in a Guarantee Program at another NSHE institution. The applicable guarantee period pursuant to subsection 3 starts when the student is enrolled as a degree-seeking at the institution.*
  - b. *Currently Enrolled Degree-Seeking Students – Degree-seeking students whose initial semester of enrollment was prior to Fall 2019 may elect to enroll through an institutionally established process in the Guarantee Program and receive the guaranteed registration fee for the full guarantee period. Currently enrolled students must elect to enroll in the Guarantee Program at their institution between April 1, 2019 and August 1, 2019.*
  - c. *Absence from the Institution – A student who does not enroll in an institution for any fall or spring semester within the student’s guarantee period and who subsequently re-enrolls in the same institution within the student’s guarantee period shall be charged the same guaranteed registration fee, but the student’s original guarantee period shall not be extended for any reason.*
  - d. *Dual Enrollment Courses in High School – High school students who enroll in dual enrollment courses/programs at an NSHE institution prior to completion of high school are eligible for the Guarantee Program after completion of high school upon enrollment at an institution.*
5. *Summer and Winter Terms – After a student is enrolled in the Guarantee Program, the student shall receive the student’s guaranteed registration fee in any summer sessions or winter sessions during the guarantee period for the duration of the student’s guarantee period.*
6. *Termination of the Program – If the Board of Regents determines that emergency situations or extreme circumstances require the termination of the Guarantee Program, the Board must provide students notification of such termination at least one academic year prior to the termination.*

RENUMBER SECTIONS 2 THROUGH 29 AS SECTIONS 3 THROUGH 30.

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**The policy is effective on April 1, 2019, for purposes of currently enrolled, degree-seeking students opting into the Program.**  
**The policy is effective Fall 2019 for all other purposes.**

**OPTION A**

**POLICY PROPOSAL**

**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1**

**Assessment of Fees for the Guarantee Program**

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Section 1. Assessment of Fees

1. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for students who are not residents of Nevada, and registration and other fees to be assessed all students. The following principles shall guide the process for establishing tuition and fee rates across the System:
  - a. Shared Responsibility. Tuition and fee levels shall reflect the shared responsibility, benefits, and needs of the students, the state, and the institution.
  - b. Access and Affordability. Maintaining affordability by ensuring that all students can enroll at a NSHE institution by virtue of the cost of attendance and an appropriate financial aid package.
  - c. Predictable Pricing. Increases in tuition and fees shall be predictable and managed so that the quality of education is not compromised to the extent this is feasible. Once approved by the Board for specific years, the registration fees and non-resident tuition rate shall not be changed for or during the specific years except in emergency situations or extreme circumstances.
2. Every odd-numbered year, the Chancellor will appoint and chair a System Committee composed of elected student government representatives, campus presidents, and System Administration staff to gather and review data and to make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees, *including the guaranteed registration fees for the Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program established pursuant to Section 2*. The Committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action. Whenever practicable: (1.) broad input will be sought from NSHE students by the Chancellor prior to any final or binding decisions by the Board; and (2.) the final decision on tuition and fees for the biennium, *including the guaranteed registration fees for the Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program established pursuant to Section 2*, will be determined by June 30 of every even-numbered year.

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**OPTION A**

***NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual***  
**CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1**  
**Registration Fees – Tuition Guarantee Program**

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**Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates**

## Registration Fees

***Non-guaranteed Rates***

	<del>2017-18</del>	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	<b><i>2021-22</i></b>	<b><i>2022-23</i></b>	<b><i>2023-24</i></b>
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)	<del>\$215.50/ per credit</del>	\$224.00/ per credit	\$233.00/ per credit	\$242.25/ per credit	<b><i>\$252.00/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$262.00/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$272.50/ per credit</i></b>
Registration Fees, Universities (graduate)	<del>\$269.25/ per credit</del>	\$274.75/ per credit	\$285.75/ per credit	\$297.25/ per credit	-	-	-
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	<del>\$151.75/ per credit</del>	\$157.00/ per credit	\$168.25/ per credit	\$175.00/ per credit	<b><i>\$182.00/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$189.25/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$196.75/ per credit</i></b>
Registration Fees, NSC (graduate)		\$218.25/ per credit	\$227.00/ per credit	\$236.00/ per credit	-	-	-
Registration Fees, Community Colleges (upper- division)	<del>\$155.50/ per credit</del>	\$161.75/ per credit	\$168.25/ per credit	\$175.00/ per credit	<b><i>\$182.00/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$189.25/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$196.75/ per credit</i></b>
Registration Fees, Community Colleges (lower- division)	<del>\$95.00/ per credit</del>	\$98.75/ per credit	\$102.75/ per credit	\$106.75/ per credit	<b><i>\$111.00/ per credit</i></b>	-	-

***Guaranteed rates***

	<b><i>2019-20 Cohort Rate</i></b>	<b><i>2020-21 Cohort Rate</i></b>
<b><i>Registration Fees, Universities*</i></b>	<b><i>\$247.25/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$257.25/ per credit</i></b>
<b><i>Registration Fees, NSC*</i></b>	<b><i>\$178.75/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$185.75/ per credit</i></b>
<b><i>Registration Fees, Community Colleges (upper-division)*</i></b>	<b><i>\$178.75/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$185.75/ per credit</i></b>
<b><i>Registration Fees, Community Colleges lower-division)**</i></b>	<b><i>\$104.75/ per credit</i></b>	<b><i>\$109.00/ per credit</i></b>

***\*University, NSC, and upper-division community college rates are guaranteed for four years for each entering cohort year.***

***\*\* Community college lower division rates are guaranteed for two years for each entering cohort.***

**EXPLANATION**

In order for four years of rates to be available for calculating the guaranteed rates for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 cohorts based on a four-year average, the non-guaranteed registration fee rates are established for 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 using the four percent increase approved by the Board of Regents for 2019-20 and 2021-22 at its June 2018, meeting.

## **Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program FAQs**

### **What is the Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program?**

The Nevada Registration Fee Guarantee Program is the Nevada Board of Regent's commitment to provide students with a constant registration fee beginning with the semester of an undergraduate student's initial enrollment as a degree-seeking student at an NSHE institution. The registration fee guarantee program applies for four years at UNLV, UNR and NSC, and for two or four years at CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC, depending on the type of courses (lower-division vs. upper-division) the student is taking.

### **What is the purpose and benefit of the Registration Fee Guarantee Program?**

The purpose of the Registration Fee Guarantee Program is to help make the cost of a college education more predictable for students and their families. The benefit is that it protects students and their families from sudden spikes in registration fees and enables them to estimate and budget for college expenses more accurately.

### **Who qualifies for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program?**

The guaranteed registration fee rate applies to all degree-seeking undergraduate students - resident or non-resident, freshman or transfer – upon enrollment in an NSHE institution.

### **Do I have to sign up for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program if I am an incoming freshman or transfer student?**

No, there is no sign-up required for new degree-seeking or transfer students. Incoming students are automatically enrolled in the Registration Fee Guarantee Program at their NSHE institution upon enrolling as a degree-seeking student at the institution.

### **I'm already a degree-seeking student at an NSHE institution; am I eligible for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program?**

Yes, there is an "opt-in" sign-up process through your institution. Currently enrolled, degree-seeking students must opt-in between 4/1/19 and 8/1/19.

### **If I'm already a degree-seeking student at an NSHE institution and opt-in, how many semesters of the Registration Fee Guarantee Program do I get?**

Degree-seeking students enrolled at an NSHE institution prior to Fall 2019 may elect to opt-in and receive the Registration Fee Guarantee for four years at a university or state college, two years for lower division courses at a community college, or four years for upper division courses at a community college.

### What if the first time I enroll as a degree-seeking student is in the spring semester?

You will pay the rate in effect for that academic year for four years (eight regular semesters) at a university or state college and for a minimum of two years (four regular semesters) at a community college.

### What if I need more than four years to complete my bachelor's degree at a university?

Students needing an additional year (9th or 10th semester) to complete their bachelor's degree at a university or state college would pay the same registration fee as the students who first enrolled the year following the student's initial enrollment. Students needing subsequent years (11th semester and beyond) would pay the non-guaranteed registration fee rate in effect for that year. The same extension applies at a community college if a student pursuing an associate degree needs an addition year (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> semester) to complete the degree.

For example, students enrolled at a university in Fall 2019 at the 2019-20 rate, but who did not complete their degree by spring 2024 would pay the 2020-21 guaranteed registration fee for Fall 2024 (9th semester) and spring 2025 (10th semester). Students needing an 11th semester, attending in Fall 2025, would pay the non-guaranteed registration rate for that 11th semester and beyond.

### What if I am a part-time student?

Students who enroll as part-time, degree-seeking undergraduates pay the same guaranteed registration fee. Students receive the full guarantee period at the guaranteed registration fee rate whether they are part-time or full-time: four years at a university or state college; two years for lower division courses at a community college; or four years for upper division courses at a community college.

### What if I am a non-degree-seeking student (part-time or full-time)?

A student is not eligible for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program until he or she enrolls as a degree-seeking student. Students are strongly encouraged to declare a program of study leading to an undergraduate degree or certificate upon enrollment at an NSHE institution to promote their success and establish a clear pathway to earning their degree or certificate. Part-time and full-time degree-seeking students are eligible for the Program.

**What if I start at a community college and want to get a two-year associate degree but later decide to pursue a four-year bachelor's degree at the community college?**

When you start at a community college as a degree-seeking student, you will receive a two-year registration fee guarantee for lower division courses (up to 299) – the courses required for an associate degree – and a four-year registration fee guarantee for upper division courses (300-499) that you will take if you pursue a bachelor's degree at a community college. Both guarantee periods for upper and lower division courses begin upon initial enrollment as a degree seeking student at the community college and run simultaneously.

**Does the Registration Fee Guarantee Program include classes in the summer sessions or winter term?**

Yes. The Registration Fee Guarantee Program applies to summer and winter terms in addition to regular (fall/spring) semesters.

**What is the registration fee rate for students who enroll and attend an NSHE institution for the first time during the summer or winter?**

Students who first enroll at an NSHE institution in the summer or winter will pay the registration fee in effect at that time (non-guaranteed rate). When the student enrolls for fall or spring as a degree-seeking student, the applicable Registration Fee Guarantee Program rate in effect for that semester will be applied and continue for the full guarantee period.

**I'm currently enrolled in high school but am taking courses offered by an NSHE institution. Does the Registration Fee Guarantee Program rate apply to me?**

No. High school students do not qualify for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program. High school students taking courses offered by an NSHE institution pay the registration fees established for that current year or the amounts established under a dual-enrollment program agreement between the institution and the high school/school district, and they are responsible for any registration fee increases in future years while in high school. The Registration Fee Guarantee Program will apply to students who enroll as degree-seeking students in an NSHE institution after completing high school by graduating or successfully passing the HiSET, TASC or GED.



**I am an undergraduate international student. Does the Registration Fee Guarantee Program apply to me?**

The Registration Fee Guarantee Program applies to all degree-seeking students – residents and nonresidents, including international students.

**What if I need to take one regular (fall or spring) semester off for any reason?**

Students who do not enroll at their institution for one or more regular (fall/spring) semester(s) retain their original Registration Fee Guarantee Program rate; however, each non-enrollment semester does count as one of the semesters within the student's guarantee period. The Registration Fee Guarantee Program rate will not be extended a semester as a result of non-enrollment regardless of the reason for non-enrollment.

**What if I need to withdraw from all my courses for a semester?**

Students who officially withdraw from all their semester courses retain their original Registration Fee Guarantee Program rate when they re-enroll in a subsequent regular semester or summer or winter term as long as the subsequent semester is within their original guarantee period. The semester in which the student withdrew from all courses does count as one of the semesters within the original guarantee period.

**What if I want to request an extension of the rate under my guarantee period or appeal the termination of my guarantee period?**

There is no appeal or process for requesting an extension of the rate under the student's guarantee period for any reason. The Registration Fee Guarantee rate is guaranteed for four years at a university or state college; two years for lower division courses at a community college; and four years for upper-division courses at a community college.

**What if I begin as a community college student and then transfer to another NSHE institution?**

Students who begin at a community college – whether they are in the Guarantee Program or not – and then transfer to another NSHE institution will pay the Guarantee Program rate in effect when they enroll as degree seeking students at the subsequent NSHE institution. The student's guarantee period at the subsequent NSHE institution begins the semester the student becomes a degree-seeking student at the subsequent institution. When a student enrolls in any NSHE institution as a degree-seeking student, the student is automatically enrolled in the Guarantee Program and the guarantee period starts at that institution.

### What if I am taking courses at two NSHE institutions at the same time?

Students are automatically enrolled in the Registration Fee Guarantee Program when they become degree-seeking at *any* NSHE institution. So, if a student is enrolled at one NSHE institution and is in the Registration Fee Guarantee Program at that institution and decides to take a course in a fall or spring semester at another NSHE institution, the degree-seeking student will be automatically enrolled in the Registration Fee Guarantee Program at the second institution.

Students are cautioned that the guarantee periods cannot be extended for any reason, so if a student is enrolled and taking courses at a community college, for example, and needs to take a course at a university, the student's four-year guarantee period at the university starts with the semester the student enrolls as a degree-seeking student in any course. Students planning to transfer are encouraged to plan ahead with the guarantee period limitations in mind when enrolling at multiple institutions.

### Are community college transfer students eligible for four years at the Registration Fee Guarantee Program tuition rate at a university or the state college?

Yes. Regardless of the number of credits you transfer from a community college to a university or the state college, you will have four years (eight regular semesters) at the Registration Fee Guarantee rate to complete your bachelor's degree.

### Who pays the non-guaranteed rate?

Students who are not degree-seeking pay the non-guaranteed rate. Students who were attending an NSHE institution as a degree-seeking student prior to Fall 2019 and who do not elect to opt in to the Registration Fee Guarantee Program also pay the non-guaranteed rate. In addition, students whose guarantee period under the Program has expired pay the non-guaranteed rate in future years, with the exception of the first year after their guarantee period expires in which they pay the guaranteed rate applicable in the year after their initial enrollment.

### How does this affect my scholarship?

The Registration Fee Guarantee Program does not change the terms and conditions of your scholarships or financial aid. For details about your specific scholarship or financial aid, check the terms and conditions for your award or contact your institution's financial aid office.

### What if I have additional questions?

The Registrar's Office can answer questions about your eligibility for the Registration Fee Guarantee Program. Contact the Registrar's Office at your institution.

**OPTION B**

**POLICY PROPOSAL**

**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 1**

**Assessment of Fees – NSHE Predictable Pricing Program**

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

**Section 1. Assessment of Registration Fees and Tuition**

1. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for students who are not residents of Nevada, and registration and other fees to be assessed all students. The *process for establishing the tuition rates and registration fees is set forth in this section and the following principles shall guide the process for establishing tuition and fee rates across the System:*
  - a. Shared Responsibility. Tuition and fee levels shall reflect the shared responsibility, benefits, and needs of the students, the state, and the institution.
  - b. Access and Affordability. Maintaining affordability by ensuring that all students can enroll at a NSHE institution by virtue of the cost of attendance and an appropriate financial aid package.
  - c. Predictable Pricing. Increases in tuition and fees shall be predictable and managed so that the quality of education is not compromised to the extent this is feasible. Once *established pursuant to subsection 2 or* approved by the Board for specific years *pursuant to subsections 5 through 7*, the registration fees and non-resident tuition rate shall not be changed for or during the specific years except in emergency situations or extreme circumstances.
- ~~2. Every odd-numbered year, the Chancellor will appoint and chair a System Committee composed of elected student government representatives, campus presidents, and System Administration staff to gather and review data and to make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees. The Committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action. Whenever practicable: (1.) broad input will be sought from NSHE students by the Chancellor prior to any final or binding decisions by the Board; and (2.) the final decision on tuition and fees for the biennium will be determined by June 30 of every even-numbered year.~~
3. ~~In its deliberations, the Committee will consider the following: 1) charges at peer institutions in the western region of the United States, 2) higher education inflation as measured by the Higher Education Price Index or a similarly appropriate index, 3) anticipated state funding, 4) institutional needs and mission, and 5) other indices and information as appropriate.]~~

2. **NSHE Predictable Pricing Program** – Except as otherwise provided in subsections 5 through 7 for certain NSHE professional schools, to provide predictable pricing of tuition and registration fees for students, the tuition and registration fees for resident and nonresident students shall be established pursuant to this section as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for a minimum of four future academic years. The tuition and registration fees for the four academic years shall be published no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> annually in a table in the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual.

- a. **Registration Fees** – On an annual basis on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual to add a subsequent academic year in which the ~~Registration fee will be~~ registration fees are set so that the increase is equivalent to ~~[at least]~~ the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) available ~~[for each year of the biennium]~~, but this increase shall not exceed six percent. The first update shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of registration fees are established as required by this section as of May 1, 2019. ~~[The Committee may recommend a higher percentage increase as appropriately justified, but no percent increase shall be less than the inflation index for higher education.]~~

**HEPI – 6% Cap:**

The working group recommends a cap of 6% for the increase based on the most recent HEPI. The Board of Regents may consider a lower (i.e. 3%, 4%, 5%) or higher amount for the cap.

- b. **Tuition and Other Charges**

i. **Tuition** – In addition to registration fees, nonresident students also pay a tuition charge. On an annual basis on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual to add a subsequent academic year in which the nonresident ~~[Nonresident]~~ tuition increases for full-time undergraduate and graduate students (enrolled in 7 or more credits) will equal ~~[at least]~~ the most recent HEPI ~~[Higher Education Price Index]~~ available, but this increase shall not exceed six percent ~~[for each year of the biennium]~~. The Chancellor shall also update the table to add a subsequent academic year in which the nonresident ~~[Nonresident]~~ tuition for part-time students (enrolled in 6 or fewer credits) will equal an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fees for the subsequent academic year established pursuant to this section by 110 percent. The first update for nonresident tuition shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of tuition are established as required by this section as of May 1, 2019.

- ii. **Distance Education Tuition Charge** – ~~[e.]~~ Nonresident students enrolled exclusively in distance education courses will, in addition to registration fees, pay a tuition charge equaling the registration fees times 50 percent. The tuition charge will be assessed only to nonresident students who are residing outside of Nevada during the semester in which enrollment in the distance education course(s) occurs. On an annual basis on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Chancellor shall update the table published in the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual to add a subsequent academic year for the distance education tuition charge in an amount required

*pursuant to this paragraph based on the registration fee for the subsequent academic year, as established by the Chancellor pursuant to this section. The first update shall occur on May 1, 2019, for academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-23, such that four years of distance education tuition charges are established as required by this section as of May 1, 2019.*

- c. **Notification** – On an annual basis on or before May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Chancellor shall notify the Board of Regents of the most recent HEPI adjustment and the registration fees and tuition established for the subsequent academic year that will be published in the table in NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual pursuant to this section. At the same time the Chancellor notifies the Board of Regents, the Chancellor shall also notify the institutional Presidents and the student government presidents of the information provided to the Board of Regents pursuant to this paragraph. If the Board of Regents determines that due to emergency situations or extreme circumstances a higher or lower adjustment in the registration fees or tuition for the subsequent academic year may be required, the Chair of the Board shall direct the Chancellor to create a Committee composed of institutional and student representatives to submit recommendations by a specific date regarding the registration fees or tuition for the subsequent academic year for the consideration of the Board.*
  - d. **Publication on NSHE Websites** – Each institution shall maintain a webpage on their respective websites for the NSHE Predictable Pricing Program. The webpage must set forth the tuition and registration fees for the next four years, as published annually in the table in the NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual. The webpages must also provide information that assists students in calculating their tuition and registration fees for at least four years.*
- 3[4]. **Student Financial Assistance** – In order to improve the access of all students and to encourage participation in higher education, an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the total registration fee at the community colleges (lower division only) and at least 15 percent of the total registration fee for all other institutions including upper-division at the community colleges, net the amounts distributed to other fee categories, will be dedicated to student financial assistance. These percentages are target amounts that must be achieved by academic year 2022-23.
- 4[5]. **Institutional Incentives** – If desired, NSHE institutions may implement tuition or fee incentives in order to further the goals of the NSHE Master Plan and institutional strategic plans. Among the purposes of such incentives, if implemented, would be to increase student access, improve efficiencies in enrollment management and space utilization, and enhance time-to-degree objectives. The decision for adopting a tuition incentive rests with the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the institution President and the Chancellor. The institution must absorb the costs internally in the event there is no state support for such incentives. Such incentives may include a graduation incentive program under which students are guaranteed one registration fee rate over four years at a university or the state college in pursuing a bachelor's degree or over two years at a community college in pursuing an associate's degree.

**5[6]. Tuition and Fees: Schools of Medicine**

- a.* The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for resident and nonresident students in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the UNLV School of Medicine and other fees to be assessed all students in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the UNLV School of Medicine. In establishing such rates and fees, the Board recognizes that both the students and the citizens of the State of Nevada share in the benefits of a medical education and, therefore, both students and the state should contribute appropriately to support high quality instructional programs. Further, the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal access to its programs regardless of a student's financial circumstances, and therefore shall establish tuition rates and fees at such level as to encourage participation in a medical education.
- [7]*b.* On a biennial basis, in the spring of every even numbered year, the Presidents of the University of Nevada, Reno and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas or the Presidents' designees will each chair a university committee composed of the following individuals for their respective university: the dean of the School of Medicine; School of Medicine student government representatives; university administrative officers; and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. Each committee will gather and review data and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees to be assessed all students in the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the UNLV School of Medicine, respectively. The recommendations of these committees will be presented to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action.
- c.* In establishing such rates and fees for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the UNLV School of Medicine, the respective university committees will use the following information in their deliberations: 1) charges at peer institutions as defined in the annual Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) calculation of the median tuition and fees of member states; 2) information pertaining to consumer prices in the WICHE region; 3) the increase in state funding over the biennium; 4) a needs assessment of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and the UNLV School of Medicine, respectively; and 5) other indices and information needed to determine if tuition rates and fees are appropriate. Resident tuition and fee increases will be determined based on the above factors with no predetermined limit on the amount of the increase. Nonresident tuition may exceed the increase for residents and will be determined by the Board.

**6[8]. Tuition and Fees: School of Law at UNLV**

- a.* The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for resident and nonresident students in the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV, and other fees to be assessed all students in the William S. Boyd School of Law. In establishing such rates and fees, the Board recognizes that both the students and the citizens of the State of Nevada share in the benefits of a law education and, therefore, both students and the State should contribute appropriately to support high quality instructional programs. Further, the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal



access to its programs regardless of a student's financial circumstances, and therefore shall establish tuition rates and fees at such a level as to encourage participation in law education.

- [9]b. Every even numbered year, the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas or the President's designee will chair a university committee composed of the Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law, student government representatives from the law school, administrative officers, and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. The committee will gather and review data and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees to be assessed all students in the William S. Boyd School of Law at UNLV. The recommendation of this committee will be presented to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action.

**7[40]. Tuition and Fees: School of Dental Medicine at UNLV**

- a. The Board of Regents shall establish tuition rates for resident and nonresident students in the School of Dental Medicine at UNLV, and other fees to be assessed all students in the School of Dental Medicine at UNLV. In establishing such rates and fees, the Board recognized that both the students and the citizens of the State of Nevada share in the benefits of a dental education and, therefore, both students and the State should contribute to support high quality instructional programs.
- [44]b. Every even numbered year, the President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas or the President's designee will chair a university committee composed of the Dean of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine, student government representatives from the dental school, administrative officers, and a representative from the Chancellor's Office. The committee will gather and review data and make recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board on an appropriate level of tuition and fees to be assessed all students in the School of Dental Medicine at UNLV. The recommendations of this committee will be presented to the Board of Regents for its consideration and action.

**OPTION B**  
**NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual**  
**CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1**  
**Conceptual Mock-Up**  
*Application of Higher Education Price Index in Future Years*

**Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates**

Registration Fees

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	....
Registration Fees, Universities (undergraduate)	\$224.00/ per credit	\$233.00/ per credit	\$242.25/ per credit	+ 2018 HEPI	+ 2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...
Registration Fees, Universities (graduate)	\$274.75/ per credit	\$285.75/ per credit	\$297.25/ per credit	+2018 HEPI	+2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...
Registration Fees, NSC (undergraduate)	\$157.00/ per credit	\$168.25/ per credit	\$175.00/ per credit	+2018 HEPI	+2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...
Registration Fees, NSC (graduate)	\$218.25/ per credit	\$236.00/ per credit	\$227.00/ per credit	+2018 HEPI	+2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...
Registration Fees, Community Colleges (upper-division)	\$161.75/ per credit	\$168.25/ per credit	\$175.00/ per credit	+2018 HEPI	+2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...
Registration Fees, Community Colleges (lower-division)	\$98.75/ per credit	\$102.75/ per credit	\$106.75/ per credit	+2018 HEPI	+2018 HEPI	+2019 HEPI	+2020 HEPI	...

**EXPLANATION:**

In order for four years of rates to be available for publication, the first automatic HEPI adjustment would be applied to two year (2021-22 and 2022-23). In the year following the first automatic adjustment, the most recent HEPI rate would be applied to the subsequent year. Doing so will provide that at any given period in time four years of rates are available and will be published for use by students and parents in budgeting for higher education expenses.



## Nevada Predictable Pricing Program FAQs

### What is the Predictable Pricing Program?

The Nevada Predictable Pricing Program is the Nevada Board of Regents' commitment to provide students with predictable registration fees and tuition rates for at least four years at all NSHE institutions – the universities, the state college and the community colleges.

### What is the purpose and benefit of the Predictable Pricing Program?

The purpose of the Predictable Pricing Program is to help make the cost of a college education more predictable for students and their families. The benefit is that it protects students and their families from sudden spikes in tuition and enables them to estimate and budget for college expenses more accurately.

### Who qualifies for the Predictable Pricing Program?

There are no qualification requirements. The registration fees and tuition rates are applicable to all students and will be set forth in a four-year table for all NSHE institutions.

### Why are the rates published for four years?

Publishing four years of rates allows any students to plan for the cost of their education regardless of the NSHE institution they are attending or the type of degree they are pursuing. Students will know that if they do not complete their degree within the four published years, the cost is likely to go up to an as yet undetermined amount.

### Where can I find the registration fee and tuition rates?

The rates for the next four academic years are published annually by June 1<sup>st</sup> in the [NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual](#) and on each institution's website.

### Can I rely on the published rates for future academic year?

Yes - once published, the rates will not change except in emergency situations or extreme circumstances when the Board *may* consider a change in the rates.

### When is the table updated to add the new fourth year?

Before May 1<sup>st</sup> each year, the Chancellor automatically establishes the new rate for the fourth year and removes the past academic year. The Chancellor is required to notify the Board of Regents, the institutional Presidents, and the Nevada Student Alliance of this new rate, and under certain circumstances, the Board may direct the Chancellor to establish a Committee that includes institutional and student representatives to review the new rate and possibly recommend an adjustment.

### How are the registration fee and tuition adjustments determined?

The registration fees and tuition rates for each new academic year are adjusted from the last published academic year such that the increase is equal to the most recent Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) but the increase is capped at six percent.

### What is HEPI?

The Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) is an inflation index designed specifically to track the main cost drivers in higher education and is published annually by the [Commonfund](#).

## Why is HEPI used to determine registration and tuition rates?

HEPI is a well-established, accurate indicator of changes in costs for colleges and universities that is compiled from data reported and published by government and economic agencies regarding current operational costs of colleges and universities, including salaries for faculty, administrative employees, clerical employees, and service employees, fringe benefits, utilities, supplies and materials, and miscellaneous services.

Using HEPI to determine rate adjustments and then publishing the rates for four years balances the interests of students who need to be able to plan for the cost of their education and the interests of institutions that need to be able to plan and pay for the cost of providing a quality education for their students.

## How does HEPI compare to historical rate increases for NSHE institutions?

The table below compares the changes in NSHE registration fees to the HEPI since 1990.

Academic Year	% Change over Prior Year NSHE Registration Fees – Undergrad			HEPI Yearly % Change*
	Community College	NSC	University	
1989-90	0.00%	---	0.00%	6.0%
1990-91	14.94%	---	15.00%	5.2%
1991-92	8.33%	---	6.52%	3.6%
1992-93	3.85%	---	4.08%	2.9%
1993-94	9.26%	---	8.82%	3.4%
1994-95	3.39%	---	4.50%	2.9%
1995-96	9.84%	---	5.17%	2.9%
1996-97	8.96%	---	4.92%	3.2%
1997-98	4.11%	---	3.91%	3.5%
1998-99	3.95%	---	3.76%	2.4%
1999-00	3.80%	---	3.62%	4.1%
2000-01	3.66%	---	3.50%	6.0%
2001-02	3.53%	---	3.38%	1.9%
2002-03	3.41%	3.33%	3.27%	5.1%
2003-04	3.85%	6.45%	7.59%	3.7%
2004-05	3.70%	6.06%	7.06%	3.9%
2005-06	3.57%	6.43%	7.69%	5.1%
2006-07	3.45%	6.04%	7.40%	2.8%
2007-08	4.29%	8.54%	10.93%	5.0%
2008-09	4.57%	9.04%	10.92%	2.3%
2009-10	4.80%	5.08%	5.02%	0.9%
2010-11	5.00%	5.09%	4.96%	2.3%
2011-12	9.92%	9.69%	9.81%	1.7%
2012-13	9.03%	9.05%	9.09%	1.6%
2013-14	11.92%	11.94%	11.99%	3.0%
2014-15	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.1%
2015-16	4.14%	2.53%	4.05%	1.8%
2016-17	3.98%	3.53%	4.02%	3.7%

*\*HEPI year aligns second half of award year. For example, 1990 HEPI aligned with 1989-90 for purposes of this table.*