

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
Handbook Revision, Reduced Fees for Senior Citizens

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Existing Board policy provides that Nevada residents age 62 years or older may register for credit or as auditors in any course without registration or application or admission fees. The policy is silent on the applicability of the policy with respect to certain matters that are addressed in other waiver policies of the Board (effective semesters, applicability to state-supported versus non-state supported courses, and professional school exceptions). In an effort to clarify the applicability of the policy and to align it with other fee waiver policies of the Board, staff recommends revising the policy to clarify that the fee waiver for senior citizens is effective during fall and spring terms only and is not applicable to professional schools or non-state supported courses. This recommendation is brought forward following the review and endorsement of the Academic Affairs Council.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13* to clarify the applicability of the reduced fee policy for senior citizens. (See attached Policy Proposal.)

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The policy proposal is brought forward at the request of the Academic Affairs Council that recently reviewed the applicability of the policy concerning reduced fees for certain senior citizens.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The recommended revision will align fee waiver policy for senior citizens with other authorized fee waivers created under *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been brought forward.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Leave the policy as currently written.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13* (in part)
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- Other: _____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 13 (in part)
Reduced Fees for Senior Citizens

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

1. In-state residents 62 years of age or older shall be permitted to register for credit or as auditors in any course without registration or application or admission fees except as [~~noted below~~] *otherwise provided in this section*. A person must reach 62 years of age by the first day of the first scheduled class meeting to be eligible. If the individual registers for more than one [~~(+)~~] class within a semester or term, the earliest scheduled class meeting will determine eligibility. The consent of the course instructor may be required for all such registration.
 - a. *This policy is effective during the fall and spring terms only and is applicable to* [~~Only~~] those courses where space is available [~~may be taken~~].
 - b. Such registration shall not entitle a person to any privileges usually associated with registration; e.g., student association membership, health service, intercollegiate athletic tickets.
 - c. *Registration fees associated with the William S. Boyd School of Law, the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and the UNLV School of Dental Medicine are not eligible under this policy.*

[~~Persons 62 years of age or older may register in summer session or off-campus credit courses (independent study by correspondence and field study program excepted) and in non-credit continuing education courses at UNLV or UNR, or in community service courses at the community colleges, all of which are supported by registration fees, for one-half (1/2) the regular registration fee. Reduced fee benefits are always subject to programs being otherwise self-sustaining.~~]

- d. *Academic credit courses that lead to a degree or certificate, including state-supported distance education courses, independent learning, and continuing education courses, are eligible for the fee waiver. Non-state-supported courses are not eligible for waiver under this policy.*