

BOARD OF REGENTS  
BRIEFING PAPER

**Clarification of National Guard Fee Waiver – State-Supported vs. Self-Supporting Courses**

**BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

Existing Board policy provides that active members of the Nevada National Guard are eligible for a fee waiver that will permit such Guard members to register for courses without a registration fee (e.g. resident tuition) (Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12 of the *Handbook* and NRS 396.544). This waiver will also pay for laboratory fees associated with certain courses. In practice, the fee waiver applies only to state-supported academic credit-bearing courses that lead to a degree or certificate. However, the policy does not specifically distinguish between state-supported and self-supporting courses. System staff recommends revising Board policy to clarify this language and reflect existing practice.

**SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Amend Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12 of the *Handbook*) to clarify that state-supported academic, credit-bearing courses that lead to a degree or certificate are eligible for the fee waiver, but self-supporting courses are not eligible for the fee waiver. (See attached policy proposal.)

**IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

This policy revision is recommended to clarify existing Board policy and reflect existing practice.

**BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- The policy revision will assist students and institutional staff by clearly distinguishing which types of courses (state-supported vs. self-supporting) are eligible for the National Guard fee waiver.
- The policy revision reflects existing practice.

**POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None have been presented.

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

Retain the existing policy.

**COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 17 Section # 12  
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X  
Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 12**  
**National Guard Fee Waiver**

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

**Section 12. Special Reduced Tuition and Fees**

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4. Any member of the active Nevada National Guard, including a Nevada National Guard recruit, or the child or spouse of a person who was killed while performing duties as a member of the Nevada National Guard, may be permitted to register for credit without a registration fee or, except as otherwise provided, laboratory fee(s).

a. This policy is applicable during Fall and Spring terms only.

b. *State-supported* a[A]cademic credit-*bearing* courses that [will] lead to a [the] degree or certificate, including [state-supported] distance education courses, independent learning, and continuing education courses are eligible for the fee waiver. *Self-supporting courses, including* [Non-state-supported] independent study and correspondence courses, are not eligible for waiver under this policy.

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