

EDUCATION CODE
CHAPTER 54. TUITION AND FEES
SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 54.006. REFUND OF TUITION AND FEES.

(a) A general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit, as soon as practicable, shall refund the amount of fees and tuition in excess of the minimum tuition collected for courses from which students drop within the first 12 days of a fall or spring semester or within the first four days of a summer term. The institution or medical and dental unit may not delay a refund under this subsection on the grounds that the student may withdraw from the institution or unit later in the semester or term. An institution may assess a nonrefundable \$15 matriculation fee if the student withdraws from the institution before the first day of classes.

(b) A general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit shall refund to a student withdrawing from the institution or unit an amount equal to the product of the amount of tuition and mandatory fees collected for each course in which the student is enrolled on the date the student withdraws multiplied by the applicable percentage derived from the following tables:

(1) if the student withdraws during a fall or spring semester or comparable trimester:

- (A) prior to the first class day 100 percent
- (B) during the first five class days 80 percent
- (C) during the second five class days 70 percent
- (D) during the third five class days 50 percent
- (E) during the fourth five class days 25 percent
- (F) after the fourth five class days None; and

(2) if the student withdraws during a summer term:

- (A) prior to the first class day 100 percent
- (B) during the first, second, or third class day 80 percent
- (C) during the fourth, fifth, or sixth class day 50 percent
- (D) seventh day of class and thereafter None.

(c) Separate withdrawal refund schedules may be established for optional fees such as intercollegiate athletics, cultural entertainment, parking, and yearbooks.

(d) A general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit shall refund tuition and fees paid by a sponsor, donor, or scholarship to the source rather than directly to the student who has withdrawn if the funds were made available through the institution.

(e) A general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit shall terminate student services and privileges, such as health services, library privileges, facilities usage, and athletic and cultural entertainment tickets, when a student withdraws from the institution.

(f) **Beginning with the summer semester of 1990, if a student withdraws from an institution of higher education because the student is called to active military service, the institution, at the student's option, shall:**

(1) **refund the tuition and fees paid by the student for the semester in which the student withdraws;**

(2) **grant a student, who is eligible under the institution's guidelines, an incomplete grade in all courses**

by designating "withdrawn-military" on the student's transcript; or

(3) as determined by the instructor, assign an appropriate final grade or credit to a student who has satisfactorily completed a substantial amount of coursework and who has demonstrated sufficient mastery of the course material.

(g) A general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit may not collect any amount of fees or tuition in excess of the minimum tuition for a course at the institution or unit from a student who is entitled to a refund of that amount under this section if the student has not paid that amount on the date the student drops the course or withdraws from the institution or unit. Added by Acts 1977, 65th Leg., p. 220, ch. 106, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 29, 1977. Amended by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 901, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987; Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 15, Sec. 1, eff. April 5, 1991; Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 253, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 30, 1993.