



Refund Policy

AD110-D	Academic	Tuition Refund
Handbooks	Diploma	
Programs	Diplomas, Certificates	
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	Accountability	Leadership Team
Documents/Forms	Tuition Fee Refund Calculation	

Where applicable, fees will be refunded in accordance with Student Aid BC (SABC) or other provincial loan regulations. Please refer to the College *Student Enrolment Contract*.

Considerations

- Western Community College (the College) will refund fees charged for tuition and course materials paid for but not received if the student provides a notice of withdrawal to the College or the College provides a notice of dismissal to the student. Refunds are calculated on the tuition fee of the program. If total fees have not yet been collected, the college is not responsible for refunding more than what has been collected to date and the relevant student may be required to make up for any money due under the contract.
- Students are informed of the refund policy during the admission process.
- Application, administration and assessment fees are non-refundable.
- In the event a student does withdraw or is dismissed from a program, the College is required to report this to the appropriate student assistance office and required to refund tuition fees in accordance with the stated refund policy.
- Refunds required under this policy will be paid to the student, or a person who paid the tuition or fees on behalf of the student, within 30 days of the date the College:
 - Receives a student’s notice of withdrawal; or
 - Provides a notice of dismissal to the student.

Circumstances when Refund Payable	Amount of Refund
Before program start date , institution receives a notice of withdrawal (applies to all students)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No later than seven days after student signed the enrolment contract, and • Before the program start date. 	100% tuition and all related fees , other than application fee. Related fees include: administrative fees, application fees, assessment fees, and fees charged for textbooks or other course materials.

Circumstances when Refund Payable	Amount of Refund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 30 days before the later of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The program start date in the most recent Letter of Acceptance (international students) b) The program start date in the enrolment contract. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 10% of tuition, to a maximum of \$1,000.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than seven days after the student and institution signed the enrolment contract, and • Less than 30 days before the later of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The program start date in the most recent Letter of Acceptance (international students) b) The program start date in the enrolment contract. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 20% of tuition, to a maximum of \$1,300.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<p>After program start date, institution provides a notice of dismissal or receives a notice of withdrawal (applies to all students, except those enrolled in a program delivered solely by distance education)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the program start date, and up to and including 10% of instruction hours have been provided. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 30% of tuition.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the program start date, and after more than 10%, but before 30% of instruction hours, have been provided. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 50% of tuition.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<p>Student does not attend program – “no-show” (applies to all students except those enrolled in a program delivered solely by distance education):</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student does not attend the first 30% of the program. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<p>Institution receives a refusal of study permit (applies to international students requiring a study permit):</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before 30% of instruction hours would have been provided, had the student started the program on the later of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The program start date in the most recent Letter of Acceptance b) The program start date in the enrolment contract • Student has not requested additional Letter(s) of Acceptance. 	<p>100% tuition and all related fees, other than application fee.</p>
<p>After the program start date, student withdraws or is dismissed (applies to students enrolled in a program delivered solely by distance education):</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student completed up to 30% of the program. 	<p>Institution may retain up to 30% of the tuition.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student completed more than 30% but less than 50% of the program (based on evaluation provided to student). 	<p>Institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition.</p> <p>Institution must refund fees paid for course materials if not provided to the student.</p>
Student enrolled in a program without having met the admission requirements for the program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the student did not misrepresent the student’s knowledge or skills when applying for admission and the registrar orders the institution to refund tuition and fees. 	<p>100% tuition and all related fees, including application fees</p>
Circumstances when Refund Payable	Amount of Refund
Institution does not provide a work experience	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The institution fails to provide the work experience within 30 days of the contract end date, unless the registrar determines the institution was prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond its control. 	<p>100% tuition and all related fees, other than application fees</p>

The college will pay the tuition or fee refund **within 30 days** after receiving notice of withdrawal or refusal of study permit; providing a notice of dismissal, or the date on which the first 30% of the hours of instruction are provided (no-show).

[Additional note for International Students](#)

An international student is a person who is not a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant or who has been determined under the Immigration Act to be a Convention Refugee. International students require a Study Permit to study in Canada unless they are taking a course or program with a duration of six months or less, are a minor child already in Canada whose parents are not “visitors” in Canada or are a family or staff member of a foreign representative to Canada accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In order to meet the requirements of section R219 of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations*, international students are required to include a Letter of Acceptance with their Study Permit application.

a) Student Authorization Related Withdrawals

- The College will retain the registration fee due under the enrolment contract for international students who are denied Study Permit authorization from Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

- Students denied a Study Permit must provide the institution with a written request for a refund along with a copy of the denial letter, prior to the program start date given on the institution's Letter of Acceptance.
- b) Refund after Study Permit Approval and before the program of study starts: The refund calculation will remain the same as for domestic students.
- c) Refunds after the program of study starts: The refund calculation will remain the same as for domestic students.

Process for Refunds

- Application fees, student fees, textbooks, fines, dues owing, financial penalties and taxes are non-refundable. Outstanding tuition fees will be deducted from the amount refunded.
- All refund requests must be made in writing. Students must submit the completed and duly signed Refund request form and the supporting documents to the Refund department. Students are responsible for providing accurate information on the Refund Form.
- Refunds required under this policy will be paid to the student or a person who paid the tuition or fees on behalf of the student, **within 30 days** after receiving notice of withdrawal or refusal of study permit; providing a notice of dismissal, or the date on which the first 30% of the hours of instruction are provided (no-show).
- An administrative fee of 2% of the total amount paid will be charged for refunds requested by students who paid by credit card.