

Chapter 21. Student Services

Subchapter AA. Reciprocal Educational Exchange Program

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§21.901 Authority and Purpose

(a) Authority. Authority for this subchapter is provided in the Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, Subchapter B, Tuition Rates. These rules establish procedures to administer the subchapter as prescribed in the Texas Education Code, §54.060(c) and (d), Resident of Bordering State or Nation or Participant in Student Exchange Program: Tuition.

(b) The purpose of the reciprocal educational exchange program is to enable Texas students of participating institutions to afford to participate in exchange programs with foreign institutions in order to help them better understand the culture, language, needs, and expectations of other nations of the world.

Source Note: *The provisions of this §21.901 adopted to be effective January 3, 1992, 16 TexReg 7487; amended to be effective July 21, 1992, 17 TexReg 4881; amended to be effective January 5, 1994, 18 TexReg 9851; amended to be effective November 26, 1997, 22 TexReg 11358; amended to be effective August 10, 2000, 25 TexReg 7353; amended to be effective November 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 10776*

§21.902 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Board--The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (2) Citizen of Another Nation--A citizen or permanent resident of a nation other than the United States who resides in the nation of which he or she is a citizen or permanent resident and who plans to return to that nation to live immediately after finishing his/her program of study in Texas.
- (3) Commissioner--The commissioner of higher education, the chief executive officer of the Board.
- (4) Full-time Enrollment or Study--For undergraduates, the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours per semester or as defined by the institution. For graduates, the equivalent of at least 9 semester credit hours per semester or as defined by the institution.
- (5) Originating Institution--The institution from which a participant is relocating as a participant in the exchange program.
- (6) Participating Nation--A nation other than the United States with institutions which have entered into exchange agreements with one or more institutions of higher education in Texas under the provisions of this subchapter.
- (7) Receiving Institution--The institution in which a participant enrolls or studies.

Source Note: *The provisions of this §21.902 adopted to be effective November 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 10776*

§21.903 Eligible Institution

An institution eligible to participate in the exchange program must:

- (1) be a public or private degree-granting institution of higher education located in a nation other than the

United States whose programs have recognition of official validity, or

(2) be a public institution of higher education in Texas, and

(3) designate a program officer who will be responsible for all transactions relating to the exchange program.

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§21.904 Eligible Persons

A person is eligible to participate in the exchange program if he/she:

(1) has been enrolled for one or more semesters at the originating institution,

(2) is a citizen or permanent resident of a participating nation or an individual enrolled in a public institution of higher education in Texas,

(3) is nominated by his/her originating institution,

(4) meets the admissions requirements and any restrictive enrollment criteria of the receiving institution,

(5) enrolls or studies on a full-time basis at the receiving institution, and

(6) has not participated in the exchange program for more than 12 months.

Source Note: *The provisions of this §21.904 adopted to be effective November 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 10776*

§21.905 Tuition Rate to be Paid

(a) If a reciprocal exchange program requires a tuition payment, the tuition rate to be paid by participants will be either the relevant rate normally paid at Texas institutions or the rate normally charged nationals or residents of other nations by their institutions. Tuition rates paid by participants will be defined by the agreements entered into by the participating institutions. The method of charging and collecting tuition is to be negotiated between the two institutions involved in the exchange. The tuition rate and payment may be any of the following methods:

(1) pay the relevant tuition rate of receiving institution, paid to the receiving institution,

(2) pay the relevant tuition rate of the originating institution, paid to the receiving institution, or

(3) pay the relevant tuition rate of the originating institution, paid at the originating institution.

(b) A participant no longer participating in the exchange program, but continuing to enroll in the receiving institution will be expected to pay the rate charged other nonresident students beginning with the first enrollment period after the participant discontinues his/her participation in the exchange program.

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§21.906 Reciprocity

The number of units of instruction exchanged would ideally be equal in any given year. If balance is not attained in any one year and more students from other nations are participating in the program than are students from Texas, parity is to be established within a five-year period.

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§21.907 Assurances

Each participating institution must maintain records in the appropriate office which would include

- (1) proof of each participant's eligibility and
- (2) formally-executed exchange agreements with each exchange partner institution.

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§21.908 Formula Funding

When a Reciprocal Educational Exchange Program exchange takes place, the Texas institution may request formula funding for the hours taken by foreign students attending classes in Texas. They may not request formula funding for their students who go abroad under this reciprocal exchange program.

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§21.909 Transcripts for Courses Taken Abroad

It is recommended that any course taken by a Texas student through study abroad be noted as such on the transcript, so that students participating in exchange programs will be given full credit for this unique experience when they apply for transfers, for admission to graduate school and/or for employment.

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§21.910 Reporting Requirements

By October 31 of each year each participating Texas institution shall provide a program report to the Board on a form provided by the Board. The report shall include such things as the number of students who have participated in the exchange program, and the names and locations of the institutions with which the exchanges have taken place. Each institution is to define, demonstrate and report the basis on which their student exchanges are reciprocal.

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