

Policy Name:	PAYMENT AND REFUND	
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PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

1.00 PURPOSE

- 1.1 This policy establishes guidelines for Coast Mountain College (CMTN) to administer payments and refunds in a way that is fair to students while supporting timely planning of resources to run programs and courses.

2.00 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply in this policy:

- 2.1 **Application Fee:** A non-refundable fee paid to apply for a program.
- 2.2 **Business Day:** An official working day as designated by CMTN and/or department. Excludes Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory holidays.
- 2.3 **Commitment Fee:** A non-refundable deposit paid in advance to confirm an applicant's intention to attend and reserve a seat in a course or program. This fee is deducted from the overall tuition and is required at the time of registration.
- 2.4 **International Insurance Fees:** Fees paid to a third party that may not be refundable.
- 2.5 **Start Date:** The first scheduled date of a program or course.
- 2.6 **Student Union Fees:** Mandatory fees that CMTN is legislated to collect on behalf of the Students' Union.
- 2.7 **The College:** Coast Mountain College (CMTN).
- 2.8 **Tuition and Mandatory Fees:** Fees charged by CMTN for instruction of a course or a program. Mandatory fees include, but are not limited to, technology, graduation, material, infrastructure, and registration fees.
- 2.9 **Withdrawal:** A formal written request to the Registrar's Office or Workforce Training by a student to drop a course or program. This can occur at any time before or after the course or program begins. The timing of this request will correspond to refund amounts available. Instructors may also notify the Registrar's Office that a student is to be withdrawn for attendance reasons.
- 2.10 **WTCS:** Workforce Training and Continuing Studies Department.

3.00 ELIGIBILITY AND AMOUNTS

- 3.1 Payment deadlines and refund eligibility will be clearly stated and communicated to the College community.
- 3.2 Payment deadlines and refund amounts will be calculated based on course and program start dates.

4.00 TUITION PAYMENT AND REFUND

- 4.1 The College will have fair and transparent refund procedures that will support the College's ability to operate efficiently.
 - a. The College reserves the right to limit fee refunds to students who enroll in courses and withdraw; thus recognizing the College's investment in the resources required to prepare for and deliver courses and programs for registered students.
- 4.2 The College will set tuition payment deadlines and has the ability to de-register students for non-payment.
- 4.3 Students may be eligible for a payment plan (instalment of fees) once within the duration of their program with the College.
- 4.4 The College limits daily cash transactions to \$500 per student per day.
- 4.5 Commitment fees are non-refundable and will be applied to tuition.
- 4.6 Tuition-free programs are exempt from commitment fees for domestic students.
- 4.7 Training contracts must specify all financial details, including required fees and refunds.

5.00 COURSE OR PROGRAM CANCELLATION

- 5.1 The College reserves the right to cancel programs and courses for any reason.
- 5.2 A full refund will be issued should a course be cancelled by the College.

6.00 WITHDRAWAL

- 6.1 The student is responsible for informing the College of their intention to withdraw.
 - a. Reasonable timeframes to withdraw from courses and programs are provided for refund eligibility, as outlined in [EDU-010P, Payment and Refund Procedure](#).
- 6.2 Students may be withdrawn in accordance with [EDU-004, Academic Integrity and Appeals Policy](#).
 - a. Students may not be eligible to receive a refund if withdrawn for non-attendance.

7.00 APPEALS

- 7.1 The College provides a mechanism to appeal for a refund in extenuating circumstances.

8.00 RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

- 8.1 [EDU-004, Academic Integrity and Appeals Policy](#)
- 8.2 [EDU-005, Scheduling Policy](#)
- 8.3 [EDU-010P, Payment and Refund Procedures](#)

8.4 [EDU-011, Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student Policy](#)

8.5 [EDU-011P, Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student Procedure](#)

9.00 OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

9.1 BC [College and Institute Act](#)

10.00 HISTORY

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