

# Exemptions and Waivers Summary

The Texas Education Code (TEC) authorizes various programs that exempt or waive tuition, fees, and other expenses related to attending public colleges and universities. Some of these programs are **mandatory**, meaning that an eligible institution is obligated to offer the exemption or waiver to an eligible student, while some are **discretionary**, with awarding decisions left to the institution or its governing board.

- ❖ **Exemptions** allow eligible students enrolled at an institution of higher education to pay a reduced amount of tuition and/or fees.
- ❖ **Waivers** specifically allow eligible nonresident students who would otherwise be charged the nonresident tuition rate to pay the Texas resident tuition rate.

The chart below identifies which programs are **Exemptions** or **Waivers** and **Mandatory** or **Discretionary** for the purposes of an institution’s Financial Aid Database, Integrated Financial Reporting System, and Annual Financial Report submissions.

## Table Legend

**M** = Mandatory

**D** = Discretionary

**D\*** = Discretionary if no funding available; otherwise, Mandatory

M = Mandatory or D = Discretionary	E = Exemption or W = Waiver	Program Name	Statute	Texas Administrative Code (TAC)
-	W <sup>^</sup>	100 Mile Alternative Nonresident Tuition Program	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.0601</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.122(f)</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Academic Common Market Waiver	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.233</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Ad Valorem	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 130.0032</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Adopted	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.367</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Biomedical MD/PhD	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.214</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Border County/Parish	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(g)</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Border States	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(a)</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Children of Disabled Firefighters/Law Enforcement Officers	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.351</a>	N/A

^Although the 100 Mile Alternative Nonresident Tuition Program is an alternate nonresident tuition rate, pursuant to [TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.122\(f\)\(8\)](#), it should be reported as a waiver in institutional submissions.

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<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Children of Nurse Faculty	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.355</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.466</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Children of POWs and MIAs	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.343</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Citizens of Mexico (Pilot)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(c)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.476</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Citizens of Mexico in Border Counties	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(b)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.475</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Citizens of Mexico Public Health	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(b)(4)</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	College Teachers, Professors, etc.	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.211</a>	N/A
<b>D*</b>	<b>E</b>	Combat Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, title 3, Section 54.2031</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.473</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Community College District Employees	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 130.0851</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>W</b>	Competitive Scholarship	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.213</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.478</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Concurrent Enrollment / Min Tuition	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.011</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Deaf or Blind	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.364</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Dependents of Deceased Public Servants	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.354</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Designated Tuition Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.261</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Disabled Peace Officers and Firefighters	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.352</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Distance Learning Exemption from Fees	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.218</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Dual Enrollment - Junior Colleges	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 130.008</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Dual Enrollment - All Institutions	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.216</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Economic Development	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.222</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.479</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Educational Aide Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.363</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.472</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Ex-Prisoners of War	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.342</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Firefighters Taking Fire Science Courses	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.353</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.469</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Foreign Service Officer	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.206</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Foster Care/Texas Department Family Protective Services	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.366</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Fully Funded Courses	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.217</a>	N/A

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<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Good Neighbor Program	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.331</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.471</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Governing Board Waivers	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.5035</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Dependents (Credit Hours)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(b)(1)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.60</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Dependents (Non-Credit Hours)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(b)(1)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.60</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Dependents Legacy Act	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(k)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.70</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Spouse (Credit)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(a-2)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.50</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Spouse (Non-Credit)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(a-2)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.50</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Veteran (Credit Hours)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(a)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.40</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Hazlewood Veteran (Non-Credit Hours)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.341(a)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 40, Part 15, Section 461.40</a> <sup>^</sup>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Highest Ranking Graduate	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.301</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Inter-Institutional Academic Programs	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.368</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Military-Related Programs	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.224</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Military in Texas	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.241(b,c,f,g)</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Military in Texas, Intention to Stay in TX	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.241(d,i,k)</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	National Guard/State Military Forces	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.345</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>W</b>	National Student Exchange Program	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 51.930</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.477</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	NATO Members and Families	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.232</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Non-Semester-Length Developmental Education Courses	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.225</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>W</b>	Nursing Graduate Students Planning to Teach	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.251</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Olympic Programs Waiver	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.223</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Paramedics Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.3532</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.470</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Peace Officers Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.3531</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.468</a>
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Preceptors and their Children	<a href="#">TEC Title 3, Section 54.356</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.467</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Prorated Fees for Term Length	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.5025</a>	N/A

<sup>^</sup>The Hazlewood Act exemption programs, including associated administrative rules, are overseen by the [Texas Veterans Commission](#).

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<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Reciprocal Educational Exchange Program (REEP)	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.231(d)(e)</a>	<a href="#">TAC, Title 19, Part 1, Section 13.474</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Reduced Tuition/Off Peak Hour Courses	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.061</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Senior Citizen 65+ for 6 hours free tuition	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.365 (c)</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Senior Citizen 65+ for Audit Hours	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.365(b)</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Senior Citizen Lowered Tuition 55+	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.263</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Student Services Fee Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.262</a>	N/A
<b>D*</b>	<b>E</b>	TANF Exemption	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.361</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	TAMU Nat'l Lab or Nat'l Lab Operator Employee/Dependent	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.369</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Teaching and Research Assistants	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.212</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>W</b>	Tech fee at UT Austin	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.221</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>E</b>	Texas Tomorrow Fund / Public Universities	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.624</a>	N/A
<b>M</b>	<b>W</b>	Texas Tomorrow Fund Contract	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.621</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Tuition Reduction for ≥ 15 Hour	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 54.010</a>	N/A
<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	Workforce Continuing Education Courses	<a href="#">TEC, Title 3, Section 130.354</a>	N/A