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Memorandum

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To: Presidents & Chancellors-Public Universities, Public Health-Related Institutions, and Public State Colleges

From: Harrison Keller, Ph.D. 

Subject: Tuition Rate for Nonresident and Foreign Students for Academic Year 2021-2022

As directed by Section 54.051(d) of the Texas Education Code, Coordinating Board staff has determined that the tuition rate for nonresident students enrolled in public universities and health-related institutions for the academic year 2021-2022 will be set at **\$458** per semester credit hour plus any designated tuition and, when appropriate, Board-authorized graduate tuition charged by your institution. Exceptions include tuition rates for nonresident students enrolled in medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, and law. The tuition rates for those students are provided in other paragraphs of Section 54.051 of the Texas Education Code.

The nonresident tuition set-aside for the Texas Public Educational Grant Program (TPEG) is three percent of the basic nonresident tuition rate of **\$458** per hour. TPEG set-asides are not subtracted from designated tuition or Board-authorized tuition.

A description of the nonresident tuition rate calculation and a copy of the relevant statute are enclosed. If you would like more information about the figures, please contact Julie Eklund via email at Julie.Eklund@highered.texas.gov or by phone at 512-427-6533.

Attachments

c: Chief Financial Officers-Public Universities, Public Health-Related Institutions, and Public State Colleges
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**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Calculation of Nonresident Tuition Rates for AY 2021-2022**

Section 54.051 (d) of the Texas Education Code requires that nonresident student tuition equal the average tuition charged to a Texas resident attending a public university in each of the five most populous states of the United States. The Coordinating Board staff utilizes the latest tuition and fee data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). This amount is adjusted using the Consumer Price Index (CPI or inflation rate) to compensate for not having current fiscal year averages.

The five most populous states other than Texas, and their reported average nonresident tuition and fee figures for 30 semester credit hours (SCH) for the 2018-2019 academic year, are as follows:

California	\$26,504
Florida	\$21,049
Illinois	\$20,538
New York	\$18,887
Pennsylvania	\$22,384
Total	\$109,362
Average	\$21,872

Data Source: The Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS - 2019 to 2020, The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (BLS), Integrated Fiscal Reporting System (IFRS) - fall 2019

The base nonresident tuition for Texas was calculated as follows:

- Average tuition and fees for the five most populous states \$21,872
- Less:
 - Average TX mandatory fees for 30 SCH -\$2,835
 - Average TX designated tuition for 30 SCH -\$5,287
- Average nonresident tuition, less fees \$13,750
- Base Texas nonresident tuition per credit hour (\$13,750/30 SCH) \$ 458

Each institution should add designated tuition to the base nonresident tuition, and when appropriate, Board-authorized graduate tuition in order to compute total nonresident tuition.

$$\text{Nonresident tuition} = \$458 \text{ per SCH} + (\text{Designated Tuition}) + (\text{Board-authorized Graduate Tuition})$$

Section 54.051(d) of the Texas Education Code provides:

Unless a different rate is specified by this section, tuition for a nonresident student at a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit is an amount per semester credit hour equal to the average of the nonresident undergraduate tuition charged to a resident of this state at a public state university in each of the five most populous states other than this state, as computed by the coordinating board under this section. The coordinating board shall set the tuition rate provided by this subsection for each academic year and report that rate to each appropriate institution not later than January 1 of the calendar year in which the academic year begins, or as soon after the January 1 date as practicable. In computing the tuition rate, the coordinating board shall use the nonresident tuition rates for the other states in effect for the academic year in progress when the board makes the computation.