

Reporting on Abatement of Tuition Rates for Out-of-State Undergraduate Students

In the Appropriations Act for the current fiscal year, the proviso from FY15-16 was continued in FY16-17 (Proviso 11.15). This proviso was amended to change the reporting date from October 1 to November 1 and to clarify information to be reported. A change was made to report only undergraduate students with the previous proviso requiring all students. A template and outline of the data to be reported per the proviso and request that your institutional report be submitted by November 1. If your institution needs additional time to prepare this data, please let us know when we can expect to receive the information. A copy of Proviso 11.15 follows along with two other sections of the law that are referenced in the proviso. Following this information are the details for reporting purposes.

11.15. (CHE: Abatements) *“By November first of each year, state supported institutions of higher learning must submit to the Commission on Higher Education the total number of out-of-state undergraduate students during the prior fiscal year that received abatement of rates pursuant to Section 59-112-70 of the 1976 Code as well as the total dollar amount of the abatements received. The report must include the geo-origin of the student, class of the student, comprehensive listing of all financial awards received by the student, number of semesters the student has received the abated rate, as well as the athletic status of the student. The report must also include the calculation method used to determine the abatement amount awarded to students as well as the number of students that received educational fee waivers pursuant to Section 59-101-620.”*

SC Code of Laws (excerpted from Code as presented on www.scstatehouse.gov):

Section 59-112-70. Abatement of rates for nonresidents on scholarship, waiver for students participating in international Sister-State agreement of student exchange programs.

- (A) Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, the governing boards listed in Section 59-112-10A are authorized to adopt policies for the abatement of any part or all of the out-of-state rates for students who are recipients of scholarship aid.
- (B) State-supported colleges and universities, including the technical colleges, may waive the nonresident portion of tuition and fees for those students who are participating in an international Sister-State agreement program which the Governor and the General Assembly have entered to promote the economic development of South Carolina. The nonresident fee waiver for the students is applicable only for those Sister-State agreements where South Carolina students receive reciprocal consideration. The Commission on Higher Education, through coordination with the State Budget and Control Board, will annually notify institutions of the Sister-State agreements eligible for the nonresident fee waiver. The credit hours generated by these students must be included in the Mission Resource Requirement for funding.
- (C) State-supported colleges and universities that have an established an ongoing relationship in one or more degree programs with an international institution, the terms of which have been formally approved the institution’s board of trustees, and a relationship that includes regular arrangements for the enrollment of qualified students and the exchange of faculty between the institutions, although not necessarily in equal exchange numbers, may waive the nonresident portion of tuition and fees for nonresident students enrolled in the program.

History: 1978 Act No. 466, Section 7; 2002 Act No. 356, Section 1, Part II.F; 2008 Act No. 353, Section 2, PT 1.E.1, effective July 1, 2008.

Section 59-101-620. Educational fee waivers.

A public institution of higher learning may offer educational fee waivers to no more than four percent of the undergraduate student body.

History: 2005 Act No. 143, Section 1, effective June 7, 2005.

Details for Reporting Purposes

- 1) Student population – Undergraduates ~~and Graduates~~
- 2) Time period – Report individual data for each term--Fall 2015, Spring 2016, and Summer 2016 (including summer I and summer II) – data will be reported for the Academic Year.
- 3) Specific student population to include – Out-of-State students who received an abatement/waiver of rates pursuant to Section 59-112-70(A, B &C) (see details on previous page).
 - a. CHEMIS data field – Residency Classification (Res_class) can be used to identify these students. Anticipated reporting categories for each section of 59-112-70 are outlined below. However, should out-of-state students meet the requirements and be reported in a Res_Class not delineated, please report.
 - b. Section A of 59-112-70
 - i. Report students with Res_Class = 2, where the student received an abatement on all or a portion of the out-of-state tuition.
 - ii. Report students with Res_Class = F, Resident – Exception (Scholarships Approved by Boards of Trustees).
 - c. Section B of 59-112-70
 - i. Report a subset of students with Res_Class = G, Resident – Exception, (Reciprocity Agreements, as approved by the General Assembly, including the Carolinas Partnership for Economic Development at Winthrop).
 - ii. Based on the definition under Section 59-112-70(B), the only students who should be reported are the ones who were qualified based on the Sister-State Agreements. (Please refer to affirmed Sister-State Agreements as reported to institutions in late summer 2014)
 1. If Sister-State students were reported in another category, please include them in this reporting.
 - d. Section C of 59-112-70
 - i. Formally approved agreement by the institution’s board of trustees with an international institution, and a relationship that includes regular arrangements for the enrollment of qualified students and the exchange of faculty between the institutions, although not necessarily in equal exchange numbers, may waive the nonresident portion of tuition and fees for nonresident students enrolled in the program
 - ii. Students who qualified under Section (C) of 59-112-70 should be included in the reporting. These students are most likely reported under Res_Class = F, Resident – Exception (Scholarships approved by Boards of Trustees), but could have been included as Res_Class =2.
- 4) Geographic origin of the student – CHEMIS data field - State
- 5) Class of the student – CHEMIS data field – Stu_Level
- 6) The number of semesters the student has received the abated/waived rate per 59-112-70 . – The first year of reporting this data for fall 14, spring 15 and summer 15 will serve as the baseline reporting. In subsequent years, terms can be calculated by examining the prior years’

reporting to arrive at the number of semesters the student has received the abated/waived rate since the baseline year.

- 7) 59-112-70-SECT – Does the student qualify under A, B, or C of Section 59-112-70?
- 8) Abatement/waiver dollar value – amount of abatement/waiver received by the student.
- 9) Full/Partial Abatement/waiver = Full – entire out-of-state differential is abated/waived, Partial – part of the out-of-state differential is abated/waived (applicable to part A of 59-112-70)
- 10) Amount of Financial aid awards received by the student for each term based on the following categories:
 - a. Grant/Scholarship aid from the federal government
 - i. Grants provided by federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, including Title IV federal student aid grants such as Pell grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Academic Competitiveness Grants (ACG), National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (National SMART) Grants, and Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants. Also include need-based and merit-based educational assistance funds and training vouchers provided from other federal agencies and/or federally-sponsored educational benefits programs. (IPEDS Student Financial Aid Survey)
 - b. Grant/Scholarship aid from the state government
 - i. Grants that were awarded by your state such as Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships (LEAP) (formerly SSIGs) and Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships. Include merit-based grants or scholarships that were provided by your state. Also, include tuition and fee waivers for which your institution was reimbursed by a state or local government agency. (IPEDS Student Financial Aid Survey)
 - c. Grant/Scholarship aid from the local government
 - i. Include merit-based grants or scholarships that were provided by local government. Also, include tuition and fee waivers for which your institution was reimbursed by a local government agency. (IPEDS Student Financial Aid Survey)
 - d. Grant/Scholarship aid from the institution
 - i. Grants, scholarships, and fellowships granted and funded by the institution and/or individual departments within the institution and are limited to students attending your institution. Also include scholarships targeted to certain individuals (e.g., based on state of residence, major, or participation in athletic activities) for which the institution designates the recipient. This is not intended to include Federal Work Study.
 - e. Grant/Scholarship aid from private entities
 - i. Grants or scholarships to students that are awarded and paid by an outside organization but are directed through the institution's financial aid office (e.g., Rotary Club Scholarship).
- 11) Athletic Status of the Student
 - a. NCAA Athlete = "Y", Receives Athletic Aid
 - b. "N" – Not an NCAA Athlete
- 12) Individual student data that is being reported for each term will be based on the enrollment data that was submitted by the institution to CHE in order to identify: 1) the out-of-state students; 2) those students classified as Resident – Exception (Scholarships approved by the Boards of Trustees); and 3) the subset of students for Sister-State and Institutional Agreements.

13) The data field Res_class will reflect what was originally reported on CHEMIS file. Since data for each term is being reported for the student, if there was an update on the student's status from a prior term, the updated value would be captured in the next term.

14) Supplemental information to be reported but not on individual students (See Word file Template)

a. Calculation method used to determine the abatement amount awarded to students

For this item, you will report on your institutional policies relevant to the determination of awards for each of the three sections of 59-112-70.

b. The number of students that received educational fee waivers pursuant to Section 59-101-620

For this item you will report the total number of students who received education fee waivers pursuant to SC Code of Laws 59-101-620.