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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Business Officers
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FROM: Matt Williams, Associate Vice President, Chief College Accounting Officer
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SUBJECT: Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reference Guide – Version 2.0

The Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reference Guide provides information on the statutorily authorized groups/organizations and the types of education and training eligible for waivers. This document was assembled in consultation with System Office programmatic staff to provide guidance on the appropriate application of tuition and registration fee waivers authorized by the General Assembly. **Colleges should consult this document to ensure that waivers are applied appropriately and reported consistently.**

This document is updated as legislative and State Board changes occur and as issues are identified that need further clarification. The FY 2013-14 legislative and State Board changes have been incorporated into Waiver Reference Guide – Version 2.0. This version is attached.

Please be aware of the following substantive changes that have been incorporated into this document:

- **Elimination of the Senior Citizens references** in response to Section 10.6 of Session Law 2013-360 that eliminated the waiver of tuition for up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina that was previously allowed in G.S. 115D-5(b)(11).

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- Clarification that the waiver related to **State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT)** training found in the EMS Section includes initial and continuing education (CE) training under course code EMS-4000 and specifies the parameters for CE training.
- Update of Appendix C to include the most recent version of the *Interpretive Rule* that defines **job titles of Criminal Justice Officers** for the Correction and Juvenile Justice divisions.

Any policy-related questions about AR/discount codes can be directed to Kim Van Metre at vanmetrek@nccommunitycolleges.edu and any Colleague application questions can be directed to the CIS Help Desk at cishelpdesk@nccommunitycolleges.edu. Please direct any questions about the application of waivers to Matt Williams at williamsm@nccommunitycolleges.edu. If necessary, such questions will be referred to the appropriate programmatic contact.

Attachment – Waiver Reference Guide Version 2.0

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TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER

REFERENCE GUIDE

Version 2.0

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The purpose of this reference guide is to provide community college staff and other interested persons with an official, all-inclusive guidance document that contains statutory and other legal references related to the authorization of curriculum tuition and continuing education registration fee waivers. This document will be updated as needed when changes occur.

Document Revision History

Version	Date Published	Description
1.0	06/05/2012	Original document communicated to colleges through Memo CC12-016
1.1	07/18/2012 (Memo CC12-020)	Waivers for public safety entities serving the Eastern Band of Cherokee and eligible lake authorities added. CE discount code for Basic Skills Plus changed to CEBSP. Guidance on how to handle individuals who are members of more than one authorized group/organization added. Eligible training list for Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Corrections modified. Clarifications added regarding the AR/discount codes for high school students and public safety personnel. Updates to Appendices A & B.
1.2	12/20/2012 (Memo CC12-030)	Revised Basic Skills Plus to conform to revised guidelines adopted by the State Board of 11/15/2012. Removed Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) from the State-Agencies list in Appendix B. The AOC does not employ individuals who are Criminal Justice Officers or Justice Officers as defined in G.S. 17C-2 (3) or G.S. 17E-2 (3). Rescue and Lifesaving Departments was revised to specifically include references to rescue squads.
2.0	08/16/2013 (Memo CC13-020)	Eliminated the Senior Citizens references in response to Section 10.6 of Session Law 2013-360 that eliminated the waiver of tuition for up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina that was previously allowed in G.S. 115D-5(b)(11). Clarified that the waiver related to State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT) training found in the EMS Section includes initial and continuing education (CE) training under course code EMS-4000 and specifies the parameters for CE training. Updated Appendix C to the most recent version of the <i>Interpretive Rule</i> that defines job titles of Criminal Justice Officers for the Correction and Juvenile Justice divisions.

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G.S. 115B-2	Tuition Waiver Authorized - Survivors
G.S. 115D-5(b)	Tuition Waiver – Authorized Groups
S.L. 2011-145, Section 8.5	Basic Skills Plus

NC Administrative Code – Under Revision

SBCCC Chapter 5, Subchapter H	Waivers
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Tuition Remission Discount/AR Codes

#	General Statute	Waiver Category	Tuition Remission Discount/AR Codes	
			CE	CU
1	G.S. 115D-5(b) (1)	Basic Skills Programs		
2	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) a.	Fire Departments (Volunteer)	CEVFR	
3	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) b.	Fire Departments (Municipal, County, or State)	CEPFR	
4	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) c.	EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Volunteer)	CEVRS	
5	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d.	EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Municipal, County, or State)	CEPRS	
6	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d1	Law enforcement, fire, EMS, & rescue/lifesaving entities serving an eligible lake authority	CELPS	WLBLE
7	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) e.	Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams	CERCT	
8	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) f.	Law Enforcement Agencies (Municipal, County, or State)	CEPLW	WBLET
9	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) g.	Division of Adult Corrections employees	CECOR	
10	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) h.	Division of Juvenile Justice employees	CEDJJ	
11	G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) i.	Eastern Band of Cherokee law enforcement, fire, EMS, & rescue/lifesaving programs	CETPS	WTBLE
12	G.S. 115D-5(b) (4)	Customized Training Program Trainees		
13	G.S. 115D-5(b) (10)	Elementary and secondary school employees (First Aid/CPR Course)	CECPR	
14	G.S. 115D-5(b) (12)	High School Students (Career and College Promise)		WCCPP
15	G.S. 115D-5(b) (13)	Human Resources Development Program (Eligible Enrollees)	CEHRD	
16	G.S. 115B-2(a)(2)	Eligible Survivor - authorized under GS 115B-2	CESUR	WSURV
17	G.S. 115B-2(a)(3)	Eligible Spouse - authorized under GS 115B-2	CESPO	WSPOU
18	G.S. 115B-2(a)(4)	Eligible Child - authorized under GS 115B-2	CECHD	WCHLD
19	G.S. 115B-2(a)(5)	Ward of the State	CEWRD	WWARD
20	S.L. 2011-145, Sec. 8.5	Basic Skills Plus	CEBSP	WBSKP

General and Uniform Regulations for Waiver of Tuition and Registration Fees

Definitions:

1. **Waive**: To exempt a student from paying a charge that would otherwise be required and adjust the student's account accordingly. The amount waived represents revenue foregone by the entity that would have otherwise received the benefit of the revenue.
2. **Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver**: A waiver that exempts an individual from paying curriculum tuition or continuing education registration fees established by the State Board pursuant to G.S. 115D-39 that would otherwise be required to enroll in a course and deposited with the State Treasurer. A tuition and registration fee waiver shall not be construed to mean inclusion of any other fees or charges (i.e. student fees, textbooks/supplies, insurance, etc.) that may be required for enrolling in a course or program. G.S. 115D-39 and G.S. 116-143 provide certain circumstances under which students who do not qualify as resident students may be charged in-state tuition. The difference between the out-of-state and in-state tuition rates is not considered a tuition waiver for the purposes of this document.
3. **Authorized Group/Organization**: A category of students that may be granted a tuition and/or registration fee waiver for courses per G.S. 115B-2, GS 115D-5(b), or Section 8.5 of S.L. 2011-145.
4. **Eligible Training**: Training that has been approved by the State Board of Community Colleges as being eligible to be waived for a specific authorized group, consistent with G.S. 115B-2, GS 11D-5(b), or Section 8.5 of S.L. 2011-145.
5. **Discount Code**: The code used within CIS (Colleague) that is associated with the appropriate general ledger account that accounts for the amount of continuing education registration fees that are waived.
6. **AR Code**: The code used within CIS (Colleague) that is associated with the appropriate general ledger account that accounts for the amount of curriculum tuition that is waived.

General Provisions:

1. **Authority and Scope:** Colleges are not authorized to waive tuition or registration fees due to the State unless expressly authorized by statute. This document provides guidance to colleges on the appropriate application of statutorily authorized tuition and registration fee waivers. The waiver of other fees and charges is governed by local policy and is beyond the scope of this document.
2. **Admission Requirements:** Persons in authorized groups must meet admission requirements and other standards considered appropriate by the local college or credentialing agency to enroll in courses for which the student is eligible for a waiver.
3. **Proof of Eligibility:** It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
4. **Reporting FTE:** Unless otherwise prohibited by law, students eligible for an authorized waiver shall be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes (BFTE) in a manner consistent with non-waived students, assuming all applicable reporting requirements are met.
5. **Self-Supporting Courses:** The amounts charged to students enrolled in a self-supporting course are considered "self-supporting fees", not tuition and registration fees. Therefore, tuition and registration fee waivers may not be granted to students enrolled in self-supporting courses. The college must charge the student the self-supporting fee or use institutional funds to pay for the self-supporting fee on the student's behalf.
6. **Tuition and Remission Report:** In accordance to the Annual Reporting Plan, colleges are required to submit to the System Office a Tuition Remission Report, which summarizes the amount of tuition and registration fees waived on behalf of individuals who are members of authorized groups. The tuition remission report shall not include the waiver of any student charges not expressly authorized by statute.
7. **Individuals Who Are Members of More than One Authorized Group/Organization:** When a course section serves individuals that are members of more than one authorized group/organization, the college should set up the section so that all relevant discount/AR codes are listed in the Section Billing Screen (SECT -- SECB). If the relevant discount codes include CEVFR and/or CEVRS, this discount code(s) should be listed first prior to any other discount/AR codes. Additionally, the student's Additional Student Profile (ASPR) should also include discount/AR codes for all the authorized groups/organizations of which the student is a member. It does not matter what order the codes are listed on this screen

Authorized Group**Basic Skills Program - Enrollees**

Definition:	Students enrolled in Basic Skills programs as defined by Chapter 4, Subchapter B of the State Board Code.
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(1)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Adult Basic Education (ABE), GED, Adult High School Diploma (AHS), English as a Second Language (ESL), Compensatory Education (CED)
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	Because there is no registration fee charged to students enrolled in Basic Skills programs, there is no need to document eligibility of waiver. Colleges, however, do need to ensure that they maintain documentation that students are enrolled in Basic Skills programs consistent with the law of North Carolina and State Board policies.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Because there is no registration fee charged to students enrolled in Basic Skills programs, colleges are exempt from tracking waivers on the Tuition Remission Report for this authorized group.

Additional Information:

- None at this time.

Authorized Group**Basic Skills Plus**

Definition:	Students enrolled in a State Board -approved Basic Skills Plus program. Basic Skills Plus is a program that provides employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
Agency Affiliation(s):	N/A
General Statute(s):	S.L. 2011-145, Section 8.5
SBC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Students may only be waived for occupational extension and/or curriculum courses that are part of a State-Board-approved Basic Skills Plus program. Waivers associated with a Basic Skills Plus pathway may not exceed 12 semester hours for curriculum courses, or 96 hours for continuing education courses, or a single CE course that is longer than 96 hours, without written approval from the System Office.
Documentation:	Colleges are responsible for ensuring that students are enrolled in Basic Skills Plus programs consistent with the State Board's Basic Skills Plus Guidelines.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education: CEBSP – Basic Skills Plus students Curriculum: WBSKP – Basic Skills Plus students

Additional Information:

- Colleges must obtain approval from the State Board to offer a Basic Skills Plus program and must operate that program consistent with the State Board's Basic Skills Plus Guidelines.

Authorized Organization**Fire Departments****(Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)**

<p>Job Classification(s):</p> <p><i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals on a current roster with a fire or fire/rescue department whose responsibilities include the protection of life and property through firefighting. This includes Junior Members who meet college admissions/enrollment requirements. ▪ Fire marshal, deputy fire marshal, and assistant fire marshal. ▪ Municipal, county or state public safety dispatchers/telecommunicators.
<p>Agency Affiliation(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteer, municipal, county or State fire or fire/rescue departments (including non-profits) as identified by the NC Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM). ▪ NC Department of Public Safety - Butner Public Safety ▪ NC Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services - NC Forest Service ▪ Fire department(s) serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012 (i.e. Person Caswell Lake Authority) ▪ Eastern Band of Cherokee Fire & Rescue
<p>General Statute(s):</p>	<p>G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) a. Volunteer G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) b. Municipal, County, or State G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d1. Entities serving certain lake authorities G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) i. Eastern Band of Cherokee</p>
<p>SBCC Code(s):</p>	<p>Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.</p>
<p>Eligible Training:</p> <p><i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i></p> <p><i>(SBCC approval pending)</i></p>	<p>Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an FIP, EPT, WLF, HAZ, or OSH course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR training. • Courses with an EMS or CJC prefix and courses with a COD prefix related to Law and Administration or Fire Inspection when such training is for firefighters whose duties within the department necessitate such training. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)
<p>Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.</p>

Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>CEVFR – Fire Departments (Volunteer)</p> <p>CEPFR – Fire Departments (Municipal, County, or State)</p> <p>CELPS – Eligible Lake Authority Fire Departments</p> <p>CETPS – Eastern Band of Cherokee Fire Departments</p> <p><i>Note that which discount code one uses is based on whether the <u>organization</u> with which the student is affiliated is “Municipal, County, or State” or historically considered “Volunteer”. Whether the individual is paid or unpaid is <u>not</u> the determining factor.</i></p> <p>Please see General Provision #7 for guidance on treatment of students that are members of more than one authorized group/organization.</p>
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Additional Information:

- The NC Fire and Rescue Commission manages the state’s voluntary fire and rescue certification program. The Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), within the NC Department of Insurance, serves as staff to the Commission. Additional information can be found on the following website:
<http://www.ncdoi.com/osfm/Default.asp>
- The General Statutes do not include federal fire departments among the organizations authorized to receive tuition and fee waivers. Federal firefighters shall be charged regular continuing education registration fee rates for training. G.S. 115D-39 provides that federal firefighters whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina shall be eligible for the in-state (resident) tuition rate for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges. At this time, the State Board has not approved any curriculum courses to support federal fire department training needs.

Authorized Organization**EMS - Emergency Medical Service****(Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)**

Job Classification(s): <i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals credentialed as a Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and/or EMT-Paramedic. ▪ Members of State Medical Assistance Teams (SMATs). ▪ Municipal, county or State public safety dispatcher/telecommunicator.
Agency Affiliation(s):	<p>Volunteer, municipal, county, or State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) departments (including non-profits).</p> <p>Entities approved by the NC Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) to be primarily dispatched to emergency scenes as a result of 911 calls to a county's EMS System, excluding those dispatched only for disaster situations or specialty requests.</p> <p>Eastern Band of Cherokee Fire & Rescue and EMS department(s) serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012 (i.e. Person Caswell Lake Authority).</p>
General Statute(s):	<p>G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) c. - Volunteer EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments</p> <p>G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d. - Municipal, County, or State EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments</p> <p>G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d1. Entities serving certain lake authorities</p> <p>G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) i. Eastern Band of Cherokee</p>
SBCC Code(s):	<p>Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.</p>
Eligible Training: <i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i> <i>(SBCC approval pending)</i>	<p>Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with EMS, EPT, or OSH course prefixes • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR training. • MED-3200 Critical Care Transport and courses with an FIP or CJC prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the EMS department necessitate such training. • SMAT team training is limited to EMS-4000 for initial training or continuing education training. SMAT continuing education course content is limited to specific topics verified by the SMAT Lead Representative as being part of the SMAT's approved training plan. <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)

<p>Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.</p>
<p>Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:</p>	<p>Continuing Education: CEVRS - EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Volunteer) CEPRS- EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Municipal, County or State) CELPS – Eligible Lake Authority EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments CETPS – Eastern Band of Cherokee EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments <i>Note: The same Tuition Remission codes are used for Emergency Management (EM). Also note that which discount code one uses is based on whether the <u>organization</u> with which the student is affiliated is “Municipal, County, or State” or historically considered “Volunteer”. Whether the individual is paid or unpaid is <u>not</u> the determining factor.</i></p> <p>Please see General Provision #7 for guidance on treatment of students that are members of more than one authorized group/organization.</p>

Additional Information:

- The credentialing agency for Emergency Medical Services is the NC Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), within the NC Division of Health Service Regulation. Additional information can be found on their website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/EMS/ems.htm> .
- The General Statutes do not include federal EMS, rescue, or lifesaving departments among the organizations authorized to receive tuition and fee waivers. Federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel shall be charged regular continuing education registration fee rates for training. G.S. 115D-39 provides that federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina shall be eligible for the in-state (resident) tuition rate for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges. At this time, the State Board has not approved any curriculum courses to support federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel training needs.

Authorized Organization

Rescue and Lifesaving Departments, including Emergency Management

<p>Job Classification(s):</p> <p><i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i></p>	<p>Volunteer, municipal, county, and State rescue squad members.</p> <p>Municipal, county, and State Emergency Management personnel.</p> <p>Persons identified in municipal, county, or State Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs).</p>
<p>Agency Affiliation(s):</p>	<p>Volunteer, municipal, county, and State rescue squads.</p> <p>Department of Public Safety's-Division of Emergency Management and local Emergency Management Offices charged with managing Emergency Operations Plans.</p>
<p>General Statute(s):</p>	<p>G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) c - Volunteer EMS or Rescue and Life Saving Departments G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) d - Municipal, County, or State EMS or Rescue and Life Saving Departments G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d1. Entities serving certain lake authorities G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) i. Eastern Band of Cherokee</p>
<p>SBCC Code(s):</p>	<p>Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.</p>
<p>Eligible Training:</p> <p><i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i></p> <p><i>(SBCC approval pending)</i></p>	<p>Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Rescue Squad Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EMS or FIP course prefix when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the rescue squad necessitate such training. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR <p>For Volunteer, Municipal, County, or State Emergency Management Personnel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT course prefix • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR • Courses with an HAZ or FIP prefix that are related to Hazardous Materials <i>Other courses may be added to this list if approved by the Division of Emergency Management as meeting the agency's training needs</i> <p>For other individuals identified in Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an EPT prefix <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)

Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>CEVRS - EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Volunteer)</p> <p>CEPRS- EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments (Municipal, County or State)</p> <p>CELPS – Eligible Lake Authority EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments</p> <p>CETPS – Eastern Band of Cherokee EMS or Rescue and Lifesaving Departments</p> <p><i>Note: The same Tuition Remission codes are used for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Also note that which discount code one uses is based on whether the <u>organization</u> with which the student is affiliated is “Municipal, County, or State” or historically considered “Volunteer”. Whether the individual is paid or unpaid is <u>not</u> the determining factor.</i></p> <p>Please see General Provision #7 for guidance on treatment of students that are members of more than one authorized group/organization.</p>

Additional Information:

- The waiver previously provided for individuals “engaged in civil preparedness” is no longer available; instead, colleges should use the references above for authorizing waivers for Emergency Management. Historical notes on this issue may be found in System Office Numbered Memos CC11-016 and CC11-034.
- Information on the Division of Emergency Management, within the Department of Public Safety, can be found at <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/Index2.cfm?a=000003,000010>.
- The General Statutes do not include federal EMS, rescue, or lifesaving departments among the organizations authorized to receive tuition and fee waivers. Federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel shall be charged regular continuing education registration fee rates for training. G.S. 115D-39 provides that federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina shall be eligible for the in-state (resident) tuition rate for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges. At this time, the State Board has not approved any curriculum courses to support federal EMS, rescue, and lifesaving personnel training needs.

Authorized Organization

Radio Emergency Associated Communications Team (REACT)

Job Classification(s): <i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i>	Radio Emergency Associated Communication Team (REACT) member
Agency Affiliation(s):	REACT organization under contract to a county as an emergency response agency.
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) e - Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams (REACT)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training: <i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i> <i>(SBCC approval pending)</i>	Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i> Continuing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses related to conditions stated in local contract. Curriculum: Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education: CERCT - Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams

Additional Information:

- Information on REACT International can be found at <http://www.reactintl.org/>

Authorized Organization**Law Enforcement Agencies****(Volunteer, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Eligible Lake Authorities, & Municipal, County, or State)**

<p>Job Classification(s):</p> <p><i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals who are Criminal Justice or Justice Officers, as defined in G.S. 17C-2 (3) and G.S. 17E-2 (3), with titles to include law enforcement officer, deputy sheriff, detention officer, and (sheriffs') telecommunicator. Also, the Sheriff and Reserve Officers. ▪ Municipal, county or State public safety dispatcher/telecommunicator.
<p>Agency Affiliation(s):</p>	<p>Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies as identified by the Department of Justice's Criminal Justice or Sheriffs' Standards divisions.</p> <p><i>A reference list of agencies is provided in Appendix B of this document.</i></p>
<p>General Statute(s):</p>	<p>G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) f - Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) d1. Entities serving certain lake authorities G.S. 115D-5(b) (2) i. Eastern Band of Cherokee</p>
<p>SBCC Code(s):</p>	<p>Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.</p>
<p>Eligible Training:</p> <p><i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i></p> <p><i>(SBCC approval pending)</i></p>	<p>Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC, EPT, HAZ, or OSH course prefix. • Basic Law Enforcement Training with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization. • Courses with SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR training. • Courses with an FIP or EMS prefix, when such training is for authorized persons whose duties within the agency necessitate such training. <p>Curriculum:</p> <p>Basic Law Enforcement Training with sponsorship letter from an authorized organization.</p> <p><i>Responders are eligible for waivers based on their affiliation with an authorized agency. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p>
<p>Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility. Trainees are exempt from BLET class tuition/registration fees if a letter of sponsorship from a state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency is on file at the college.</p>

Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education:</p> <p>CEPLW – Law Enforcement Agencies (Municipal, County, or State) CELPS – Eligible Lake Authority Law Enforcement Agencies CETPS – Eastern Band of Cherokee Law Enforcement Agencies</p> <p>Curriculum:</p> <p><i>These codes are specific to/limited to Curriculum BLET sponsorship (CE BLET codes are found above)</i></p> <p>WBLET – Law Enforcement Agencies (Municipal, County, or State) WLBLE – Eligible Lake Authority Law Enforcement Agencies WTBLE – Eastern Band of Cherokee Law Enforcement Agencies</p>
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Additional Information

- Information on law enforcement certification can be found on the Department of Justice webpage: <http://www.ncdoj.com/About-DOJ/Law-Enforcement-Training-and-Standards.aspx>
- The course repeat policy does not apply to this authorized group as long as the student is enrolling in the course for the purpose of certification, renewal, or annual in-service training. Per 23 SBCC Code 02D.325(d), students may repeat occupational extension courses more than once if the repetitions are required for certification, licensure, or recertification.”
- The General Statutes do not include federal law enforcement departments among the organizations authorized to receive tuition and fee waivers. Federal enforcement officers shall be charged regular continuing education registration fee rates for training. G.S. 115D-39 provides that federal enforcement officers whose permanent duty station is within North Carolina shall be eligible for the in-state (resident) tuition rate for courses that support their organizations' training needs and are approved for this purpose by the State Board of Community Colleges. In-state tuition may be charged to federal law enforcement officers who permanent duty station is in North Carolina for BLET courses.

Definitions

- **From General Statute 17 C – Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission**
 - **G.S. 17C-2 (3)** – “Criminal justice officers. ...sworn law-enforcement officers, both State and local, with the power of arrest ...”
- **From General Statute 17 E – NC Sheriffs’ Education and Training Standards Commission**
 - **G.S. 17E-2 (3)**- “Justice officer” means:
 - (a) A person who, through the special trust and confidence of the sheriff, has taken the oath of office prescribed by Chapter 11 of the General Statutes as a peace officer in the office of the sheriff. This term includes "deputy sheriffs", "reserve deputy sheriffs", and "special deputy sheriffs", but does not include clerical and support personnel not required to take an oath. The term "special deputy" means a person who, through appointment by the sheriff, becomes an unpaid criminal justice officer to perform a specific act directed by the sheriff; or

- (b)** A person who, through the special trust and confidence of the sheriff, has been appointed as a detention officer by the sheriff; or
- (c)** A person who is either the administrator or other custodial personnel of district confinement facilities as defined in G.S. 153A-219; however, nothing in this Chapter transfers any supervisory or administrative control over employees of district confinement facilities to the office of the sheriff; or
- (d)** A person who, through the special trust and confidence of the sheriff, is under the direct supervision and control of the sheriff and serves as a telecommunicator, or who is presented to the Commission for appointment as a telecommunicator by an employing entity other than the sheriff for the purpose of obtaining certification from the Commission as a telecommunicator.

Authorized Organization

**Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety, and
The Division's Section of Community Corrections**

<p>Job Classification(s):</p> <p><i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full-time custodial employees of the Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety.* ▪ Employees of the Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.* <p><i>*For specific job titles, see Interpretive Rule found in Appendix C.</i></p>
<p>Agency Affiliation(s):</p>	<p>Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety and the Division's Section of Community Correction</p>
<p>General Statute(s):</p>	<p>G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) g Division of Adult Correction and the Division's Section of Community Corrections</p>
<p>SBCC Code(s):</p>	<p>Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.</p>
<p>Eligible Training:</p> <p><i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i></p> <p><i>(SBCC approval pending)</i></p>	<p>Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i></p> <p>Continuing Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR • FIP-4711 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for eligible employees identified by the Division of Adult Corrections as needing this training <p>Curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)
<p>Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:</p>	<p>It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.</p>
<p>Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:</p>	<p>Continuing Education: CECOR - Division of Adult Correction and Section of Community Corrections</p>

Additional Information:

- None at this time.

Authorized Organization

Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety

Job Classification(s): <i>Persons authorized for eligible training</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.* <i>*For specific job titles, see Interpretive Rule found in Appendix C.</i>
Agency Affiliation(s):	Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(2) h Division of Juvenile Justice
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training: <i>Specialized Course List approved by the State Board of Community Colleges, as required by G.S. 115D-5(b)(2)</i> <i>(SBCC approval pending)</i>	Per G.S. 115D-5(b)(2): <i>Eligibility for waivers is based on affiliation with an authorized volunteer, municipal, county, or State organization. All courses must support the organizations' training needs.</i> Continuing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with a CJC course prefix. • Courses with an SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR Curriculum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable. (Curriculum Discount Code not available.)
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education CEDJJ - Division of Juvenile Justice

Additional Information:

- None at this time.

Authorized Group**Trainees – Customized Training Program**

Definition:	Trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training Program
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(4), G.S. 115D-5.1
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Workforce continuing education courses provided through the Customized Training Program, as provided by G.S. 115D-5.1.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	Because there is no registration fee charged to students enrolled in courses provided through the Customized Training Program, there is no need to document eligibility of waiver. Colleges, however, are responsible for ensuring that Customized Training programs comply with the currently approved State Board's Customized Training Program Guidelines.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Because there is no registration fee charged to students enrolled in courses provided through the Customized Training Program, colleges are exempt from tracking waivers on the Tuition Remission Report for this authorized group.

Additional Information:

- None at this time.

Authorized Group
Elementary and Secondary School Employees – CPR/First Aid Courses

Definition:	Elementary and Secondary School Employees enrolled in courses in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(10)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Continuing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with SAF prefix related to first aid/CPR training.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education: CECPR – Elementary and Secondary School Employees

Additional Information:

- None at this time.

Authorized Group**Students – Human Resources Development Courses**

Definition:	Students enrolled in Human Resources Development courses that meet at least one of the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Is unemployed; (2) Has received notification of a pending layoff; (3) Is working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); or (4) Is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b) (13)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Continuing Education: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courses with an HRD course prefix.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	Students must sign a form verifying that they meet one of the eligibility criteria.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education: CEHRD – Human Resources Development (HRD)

Additional Information:

- See Numbered Memo CC13-004 for current year's federal poverty guidelines.

Authorized Group**High School Students – Curriculum Courses**

Definition:	All <u>curriculum</u> courses taken by high school students at community colleges, in accordance with G.S. 115D-20(4).
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115D-5(b)(12)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	<u>Curriculum</u> courses provided through a State Board-approved Career and College Promise (CCP) pathway. Colleges must obtain approval and operate CCP programs consistent with the State Board’s Career and College Promise Operating Procedures. (Note that Early College and Middle College High Schools are approved under the Cooperative and Innovative High School Program Act, which is one of the CCP pathways.)
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	Colleges are responsible for ensuring that students are appropriately enrolled in Career & College Promise pathways consistent with the State Board’s Career and College Promise Operating Procedures.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Curriculum: WCCPP – High school students taking curriculum courses through Career and College Promise

Additional Information:

- The waiver authorized by G.S. 115D-5(b)(12) only applies to curriculum tuition. It does not extend to optional student fees. The waiver of optional fees is governed by local policy.
- The waiver authorized by G.S. 115D-5(b)(12) does not apply to high school student enrolling in noncredit courses authorized by G.S. 115D-20(4). If a high school student enrolling in a noncredit course meets the eligibility criteria under another waiver (i.e. fire, HRD, etc.), then the student may be waived using the discount code for that other waiver.
- Colleges are authorized to provide courses in approved Career and College Promise Pathways during the summer term. If a course is provided using State funds, high school students must be waived consistent with G.S. 115D-5(b)(12). If a course is provided using State funds, the college must charge the student the self-supporting registration fee or use institutional funds to pay for the fee on the student’s behalf.

Authorized Group

Eligible Survivor of Public Safety Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

Definition:	Survivor of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker killed in the line of duty.
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115B-2(a)(2)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Curriculum and/or Continuing Education courses. Eligible survivors must meet admission and other standards considered appropriate by the educational institution.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent-child relationship shall be verified by a birth certificate, legal adoption papers, or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution. • The marital relationship shall be verified by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution. • The cause of death of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker shall be verified by certification from the records of the Department of State Treasurer, the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency that employed the deceased, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under the Department of State Auditor, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education: CESUR – Eligible Survivor</p> <p>Curriculum: WSURV – Eligible Survivor</p>

Additional Information:**G.S. 115B-1 sets out the following definitions that apply to this waiver:**

- Employer – The State of North Carolina and its departments, agencies, and institutions; or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the State.
- Firefighter or volunteer firefighter – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-25 for "eligible firemen". <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-25>.
- Law enforcement officer – An employee or volunteer of an employer who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a law enforcement officer under the provisions of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes or certified as a deputy sheriff under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. "Law enforcement officer" also means the sheriff of the county.
- Rescue squad worker – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-30 for "eligible rescue squad worker". <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-30>
- Survivor – Any person whose parent or spouse: (i) was a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, a volunteer firefighter, or a rescue squad worker, (ii) was killed while in active service or training for active service or died as a result of a service-connected disability, and (iii) at the time of active service or training was a North Carolina resident. The term does not include the widow or widower of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or a rescue squad worker if the widow or widower has remarried.
- Per G.S. 115B-5.1, if a person obtains a tuition waiver under this authorization and the person also receives a cash scholarship paid or payable to the institution, from whatever source, the amount of the scholarship shall be applied to the credit of the person in the payment of incidental expenses of the person's attendance at the institution, and any balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, shall be returned to the student.

Authorized Group**Eligible Spouse of a Totally & Permanently Disabled Public Safety Officer**

Definition:	Spouse of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115B-2(a)(3)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Curriculum and/or Continuing Education courses. Eligible survivors must meet admission and other standards considered appropriate by the educational institution.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The marital relationship shall be verified by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution. • The permanent and total disability shall be verified by documentation deemed necessary by the institution from the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education: CESPO – Eligible Spouse</p> <p>Curriculum: WSPOU – Eligible Spouse</p>

Additional Information:**G.S. 115B-1 sets out the following definitions that apply to this waiver:**

- Employer – The State of North Carolina and its departments, agencies, and institutions; or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the State.
- Firefighter or volunteer firefighter – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-25 for "eligible firemen".
<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-25>.

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- Law enforcement officer – An employee or volunteer of an employer who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a law enforcement officer under the provisions of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes or certified as a deputy sheriff under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. "Law enforcement officer" also means the sheriff of the county. (See Law Enforcement waiver for more detail.)
 - Rescue squad worker – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-30 for "eligible rescue squad worker". <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-30>
 - Permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. – A person: (i) who as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker suffered a disabling injury while in active service or training for active service, (ii) who at the time of active service or training was a North Carolina resident, and (iii) who has been determined to be permanently and totally disabled for compensation purposes by the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
 - Per G.S. 115B-5.1, if a person obtains a tuition waiver under this authorization and the person also receives a cash scholarship paid or payable to the institution, from whatever source, the amount of the scholarship shall be applied to the credit of the person in the payment of incidental expenses of the person's attendance at the institution, and any balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, shall be returned to the student.

Authorized Group**Eligible Child of a Totally & Permanently Disabled Public Safety Officer**

Definition:	Child of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury in the line of duty.
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115B-2(a)(4)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Curriculum and/or Continuing Education courses. Eligible survivors must meet admission and other standards considered appropriate by the educational institution.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The parent-child relationship shall be verified by a birth certificate, legal adoption papers, or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution. • The permanent and total disability shall be verified by documentation deemed necessary by the institution from the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	<p>Continuing Education: CECHD – Eligible Child</p> <p>Curriculum: WCHLD – Eligible Child</p>

Additional Information:**G.S. 115B-1 sets out the following definitions that apply to this waiver:**

- Employer – The State of North Carolina and its departments, agencies, and institutions; or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the State.
- Firefighter or volunteer firefighter – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-25 for "eligible firemen".
<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-25>.

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- Law enforcement officer – An employee or volunteer of an employer who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a law enforcement officer under the provisions of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes or certified as a deputy sheriff under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. "Law enforcement officer" also means the sheriff of the county. (See Law Enforcement waiver for more detail.)
 - Rescue squad worker – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-30 for "eligible rescue squad worker". <http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/statutes/statutelookup.pl?statute=58-86-30>
 - Permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. – A person: (i) who as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker suffered a disabling injury while in active service or training for active service, (ii) who at the time of active service or training was a North Carolina resident, and (iii) who has been determined to be permanently and totally disabled for compensation purposes by the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
 - Per G.S. 115B-5.1, if a person obtains a tuition waiver under this authorization and the person also receives a cash scholarship paid or payable to the institution, from whatever source, the amount of the scholarship shall be applied to the credit of the person in the payment of incidental expenses of the person's attendance at the institution, and any balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, shall be returned to the student.

Authorized Group

Wards of the State

Definition:	Any child, if the child (i) is at least 17 years old but not yet 24 years old, (ii) is a ward of North Carolina or was a ward of the State at the time the child reached the age of 18, (iii) is a resident of the State; and (iv) is eligible for services under the Chaffee Education and Training Vouchers Program;
Agency Affiliation(s):	Not Applicable
General Statute(s):	G.S. 115B-2(a)(5)
SBCC Code(s):	Chapter 5, Subchapter H sets out State Board policy on waivers. This subchapter is currently being revised to conform with statutory changes.
Eligible Training:	Curriculum and/or Continuing Education courses. Eligible survivors must meet admission and other standards considered appropriate by the educational institution.
Proof of Eligibility of Waiver:	It is the responsibility of the individual to establish proof of eligibility.
Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code:	Continuing Education: CEWRD – Ward of the State Curriculum: WWARD – Ward of the State

Additional Information:

- Per G.S. 115B-2, the waiver **shall only be to the extent** that there is any tuition still payable after receipt of other financial aid received by the student.

Appendix A: Relevant General Statute and Session Law Citations

Chapter 115B. Tuition and Fee Waivers

§ 115B-1. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Chapter:

- (1) Employer. – The State of North Carolina and its departments, agencies, and institutions; or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the State.
- (2) Firefighter or volunteer firefighter. – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-25 for "eligible firemen".
- (3) Law enforcement officer. – An employee or volunteer of an employer who possesses the power of arrest, who has taken the law enforcement oath administered under the authority of the State as prescribed by G.S. 11-11, and who is certified as a law enforcement officer under the provisions of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes or certified as a deputy sheriff under the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes. "Law enforcement officer" also means the sheriff of the county.
- (4) Permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. – A person: (i) who as a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker suffered a disabling injury while in active service or training for active service, (ii) who at the time of active service or training was a North Carolina resident, and (iii) who has been determined to be permanently and totally disabled for compensation purposes by the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
- (5) Rescue squad worker. – The same as provided in G.S. 58-86-30 for "eligible rescue squad worker".
- (6) Survivor. – Any person whose parent or spouse: (i) was a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, a volunteer firefighter, or a rescue squad worker, (ii) was killed while in active service or training for active service or died as a result of a service-connected disability, and (iii) at the time of active service or training was a North Carolina resident. The term does not include the widow or widower of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or a rescue squad worker if the widow or widower has remarried.
- (7) Tuition. – The amount charged for registering for a credit hour of instruction and shall not be construed to mean any other fees or charges or costs of textbooks. (1975, c. 606, s. 1; 1977, c. 981, s. 1; 1997-505, s. 2; 2003-230, s. 1.)

§ 115B-2. Tuition waiver authorized.

(a) The constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina and the community colleges as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2) shall permit the following persons to attend classes for credit or noncredit purposes without the required payment of tuition:

- (1) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-451, s. 8.11(a), effective July 1, 2009.
- (2) Any person who is the survivor of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker killed as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.
- (3) The spouse of a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty.
- (4) Any child, if the child is at least 17 years old but not yet 24 years old, whose parent is a law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker who is permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. However, a child's eligibility for a waiver of tuition under this Chapter shall not exceed: (i) 54 months, if the child is seeking a baccalaureate degree, or (ii) if the child is not seeking a baccalaureate degree, the number of months required to complete the educational program to which the child is applying.
- (5) Any child, if the child (i) is at least 17 years old but not yet 24 years old, (ii) is a ward of North Carolina or was a ward of the State at the time the child reached the age of 18, (iii) is a resident of the State; and (iv) is eligible for services under the Chaffee Education and Training Vouchers Program; but the waiver shall only be to the extent that there is any tuition still payable after receipt of other financial aid received by the student.
- (6) Any child enrolled in a regional school established pursuant to Part 10 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes who enrolls in classes at a constituent institution or community college which has a written agreement with the regional school.

(b) Persons eligible for the tuition waiver under subsection (a) of this section must meet admission and other standards considered appropriate by the educational institution. In addition, the constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina shall accept these persons only on a space available basis. (1975, c. 606, s. 2; 1977, c. 981, s. 2; 1997-505, s. 3; 2003-230, ss. 1, 2; 2005-276, s. 9.30(a); 2009-451, s. 8.11(a); 2010-31, s. 9.26; 2011-241, s. 3.)

§ 115B-2.1: Repealed by Session Laws 2009-451, s. 8.11(b), effective July 1, 2009.

§ 115B-3. Rules.

The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall each, with respect to the institutions governed by it, promulgate rules necessary for the implementation of this Chapter. (1975, c. 606, s. 3; 1977, c. 981, s. 3; 2003-230, s. 3.)

§ 115B-4. Enrollment computation for funding purposes.

Persons attending classes under the provisions of this Chapter, without payment of tuition, shall be counted in the computation of enrollment for funding purposes. (1975, c. 606, s. 4; 1977, c. 981, s. 4.)

§ 115B-5. Proof of eligibility.

- (a) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-451, s. 8.11(c), effective July 1, 2009.
- (b) The officials of the institutions charged with administration of this Chapter shall require the following proof to insure that a person applying to the institution and who requests a tuition waiver under G.S. 115B-2(2), (3), or (4) is eligible for the benefits provided by this Chapter.
 - (1) The parent-child relationship shall be verified by a birth certificate, legal adoption papers, or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution.
 - (2) The marital relationship shall be verified by a marriage certificate or other documentary evidence deemed appropriate by the institution.
 - (3) The cause of death of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or rescue squad worker shall be verified by certification from the records of the Department of State Treasurer, the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency that employed the deceased, the administrative agency for the fire department or fire protection district recognized for funding under the Department of State Auditor, or the administrative agency having jurisdiction over any paid firefighters of all counties and cities.
 - (4) The permanent and total disability shall be verified by documentation deemed necessary by the institution from the North Carolina Industrial Commission.
- (c) The officials of the institutions charged with administration of this Chapter may require proof to verify that a person applying to the institution under G.S. 115B-2(5) is eligible for the benefits provided by this Chapter. (1975, c. 606, s. 5; 1977, c. 981, s. 5; 1997-505, s. 4; 2003-230, s. 1; 2005-276, s. 9.30(b); 2009-451, s. 8.11(c).)

§ 115B-5.1. Student to be credited for scholarship value.

If a person obtains a tuition waiver under G.S. 115B-2(2), (3), or (4) and the person also receives a cash scholarship paid or payable to the institution, from whatever source, the amount of the scholarship shall be applied to the credit of the person in the payment of incidental expenses of the person's attendance at the institution, and any balance, if the terms of the scholarship permit, shall be returned to the student. (1997-505, s. 5; 2003-230, s. 1; 2009-570, s. 13.)

§ 115B-5A: Recodified as G. S. 115B-5.1 by Session Laws 2009-570, s. 13, effective August 28, 2009.

§ 115B-6. Misrepresentation of eligibility.

Any applicant who willfully misrepresents his eligibility for the tuition benefits provided under this Chapter, or any person who knowingly aids or abets such applicant in misrepresenting his eligibility for such benefits, shall be deemed guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. (1975, c. 606, s. 6; 1977, c. 981, s. 6; 1993, c. 539, s. 879; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c).)

Relevant excerpt from G.S. 115D-5

- (b) In order to make instruction as accessible as possible to all citizens, the teaching of curricular courses and of noncurricular extension courses at convenient locations away from institution campuses as well as on campuses is authorized and shall be encouraged. A pro rata portion of the established regular tuition rate charged a full-time student shall be charged a part-time student taking any curriculum course. In lieu of any tuition charge, the State Board of Community Colleges shall establish a uniform registration fee, or a schedule of uniform registration fees, to be charged students enrolling in extension courses for which instruction is financed primarily from State funds. The State Board of Community Colleges may provide by general and uniform regulations for waiver of tuition and registration fees for the following:
- (1) Persons not enrolled in elementary or secondary schools taking courses leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
 - (2) Courses requested by the following entities that support the organizations' training needs and are on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges:
 - a. Volunteer fire departments.
 - b. Municipal, county, or State fire departments.
 - c. Volunteer EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - d. Municipal, county, or State EMS or rescue and lifesaving departments.
 - d1. Law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving entities serving a lake authority that was created by a county board of commissioners prior to July 1, 2012.
 - e. Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (REACT) under contract to a county as an emergency response agency.
 - f. Municipal, county, or State law enforcement agencies.
 - g. The Division of Adult Correction of the Department of Public Safety for the training of full-time custodial employees and employees of the Division's Section of Community Corrections of the Division of Adult Correction required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
 - h. The Division of Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety for the training of employees required to be certified under Chapter 17C of the General Statutes and the rules of the Criminal Justice and Training Standards Commission.
 - i. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians law enforcement, fire, EMS or rescue and lifesaving tribal government departments or programs.
 - (3) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-145, s. 8.12(a), effective July 1, 2011.
 - (4) Trainees enrolled in courses conducted under the Customized Training Program.
 - (5) through (9) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-145, s. 8.12(a), effective July 1, 2011.
 - (10) Elementary and secondary school employees enrolled in courses in first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
 - (11) Repealed by Session Law 2013-360 s. 10.6, effective August 15, 2013 ~~Up to six hours of credit instruction and one course of noncredit instruction per academic semester for senior citizens age 65 or older who are qualified as legal residents of North Carolina.~~
 - (12) All curriculum courses taken by high school students at community colleges, in accordance with G.S. 115D-20(4) and this section.
 - (13) Human resources development courses for any individual who (i) is unemployed; (ii) has received notification of a pending layoff; (iii) is working and is eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (FEITC); or (iv) is working and earning wages at or below two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
 - (14) Repealed by Session Laws 2011-145, s. 8.12(a), effective July 1, 2011.

The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for other individuals.

- (b1) The State Board of Community Colleges shall not waive tuition and registration fees for community college faculty or staff members. Community colleges may, however, use State or local funds to pay tuition and registration fees for one course per semester for full-time community college faculty or staff members employed for a nine-, ten-, eleven-, or twelve-month term.

S.L. 2011-145, Section 8.5 BASIC SKILLS PLUS

SECTION 8.5.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board may authorize a local community college to use up to twenty percent (20%) of the State Literacy Funds allocated to it to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational and technical skills, and developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.

SECTION 8.5.(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a community college is authorized by the State Board to provide employability skills, job-specific occupational or technical skills, or developmental education instruction to students concurrently enrolled in a community college course leading to a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, the college may waive the tuition and registration fees associated with this instruction.

Appendix B: General Guidance - NC Law Enforcement Agencies

Note: The following is offered as general guidance on municipal, county, and State law enforcement agencies. Additions or corrections should be submitted to Tracy McPherson, Director of Public Safety Training, NC Community College System Office, at mcphersont@ncccommunitycolleges.edu. Inclusion on the list is contingent upon documentation that the agency meets the requirements of the General Statutes related to waivers. *This list applies only to law enforcement personnel within these agencies who are authorized for waivers as outlined in the Law Enforcement Agencies section of this document.*

Municipal/County/Other – Agencies

Local Police Departments
Local Sheriffs' Departments
Eastern Band of Cherokee

State - Agencies

Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services - State Fair Police
Dept of Commerce - Industrial Commission - Criminal Investigation Unit
Dept of Correction – Division of Community Corrections
Dept of Correction – Division of Prison (Correctional Officers)
Dept of Crime Control and Public Safety

- Alcohol Law Enforcement
- Butner Public Safety
- State Capitol Police
- State Highway Patrol

Dept of Environment of Natural Resources

- Division of Forest Resources - Forest Protection Section
- Division of Marine Fisheries
- Division of Parks & Recreation

Dept of Health and Human Services

- Black Mountain ADATC
- Broughton Hospital
- Cherry-O'Berry Center
- Longleaf Neuro-Medical Treatment Center

Dept of Insurance - Investigation Division
Dept of Justice - State Bureau of Investigation
Dept of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Dept of Revenue - Tax Enforcement Division
Dept of Secretary of State

- Securities, Notary, Trademark, and Lobbying Divisions

Dept of Transportation - Division of Motor Vehicles
NC Arboretum Police Department
NC General Assembly Police Department
NC Supreme Court Police Department
NC Wildlife Resources Commission - Division of Enforcement

Municipal/County - Airport Authorities

Albert J. Ellis Airport
Asheville Regional Airport
Charlotte/Douglas Int'l Airport
Piedmont Triad Int'l Airport
Raleigh/Durham Airport
Wilmington Intl Airport

Municipal/County/State – Other

High Point Parks & Recreation Dept
Lake Norman Marine Commission
NC Port Authorities
Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority
Person-Caswell Lake Authority
UNC Hospitals Police

Municipal/County– Public Schools

Charlotte/Mecklenburg
Moore County
Graham County
Yancey County
Cherokee County
Lee County Schools
Richmond County Schools

State – Public Community Colleges

Asheville-Buncombe TCC
Beaufort County CC
Brunswick CC
Durham TCC
Forsyth TCC
Gaston College
Guilford TCC
Nash CC
Pitt CC
Sandhills CC
Southeastern CC
Surry CC
Wake TCC
Wayne CC
Wilson CC

State – Public Universities

Appalachian State University
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
NC A&T State University
NC Central University
NC State University
UNC-Asheville
UNC-Chapel Hill
UNC-Charlotte
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Pembroke
UNC-Wilmington
UNC School of the Arts
Western Carolina University
Winston-Salem State University

Appendix C: Interpretative Rule

(Note: This interpretive rule is associated with the waiver of authorized organizations within the Department of Public Safety.)

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
STANDARDS COMMISSION**

INTERPRETIVE RULE

NOW COMES the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to N.C. General Statute 17C-6 in a public meeting on November 12, 2012, hereby makes the following interpretive rule. G.S. 17C-2(3) sets out a definition for "Criminal Justice Officer(s)." The Commission hereby interprets the above to include and be limited to the following:

SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

means an appointee of a criminal justice agency or of the state or of any political subdivision of the state who, by virtue of his office, is empowered to make arrests for violations of the laws of this state. Specifically excluded from this title are sheriffs and their sworn appointees with arrest authority who are governed by the provisions of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS:

Correctional Officer	Associate Warden for Operations
Correctional Officer Trn	Associate Warden for Programs
Lead Correctional Officer	Deputy Prison Warden I
Correctional Sergeant	Deputy Prison Warden II
Correctional Lieutenant	Prison Warden I
Correctional Unit Manager	Prison Warden II
Correctional Assistant Unit Manager	Correctional Programs Supervisor
Correctional Captain	Correctional Case Manager
Assistant Correctional Superintendent	Correction Food Service Officer
Assistant Correctional Supt. Cust. & Opera. I, II, III	Correction Food Service Officer Trn
Assistant Correctional Supt. Programs I, II	Correctional Food Serv. Manager I, II, III, IV
Correctional Superintendent I, II, III, IV	Chief of Security
Correctional Administrator I	Assistant Chief of Security (DOP)

STATE PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER POSITIONS:

Probation/Parole Officer Trn	Probation/Parole Officer II Trn
Probation/Parole Officer	Probation/Parole Officer II
Probation/Parole Associate	Chief Probation/Parole Officer
Probation/Parole Officer I	Probation/Parole Officer Field Specialist

STATE PROBATION/PAROLE OFFICER-SURVEILLANCE POSITION:

Probation/Parole Officer-Surveillance

LOCAL CONFINEMENT PERSONNEL:

means any officer, supervisor or administrator of a local confinement facility in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 153A-217, to include Juvenile Detention Home Worker who is defined as any employee of a state or local juvenile detention facility who provides instruction, evaluation, or supervision and custody of juveniles confined therein; or, any officer, supervisor or administrator of a county confinement facility in North Carolina as defined in G.S. 153A-218.

STATE JUVENILE JUSTICE OFFICER POSITIONS:***CLINICAL***

Clinical Chaplain II
Nurse Supervisor
Professional Nurse
Staff Psychologist
Social Worker III
Social Work Supervisor II
Clinical Social Worker

EDUCATIONAL

School Principal
School Assistant Principal
School Educator I
School Educator II
School Educator III
School Vocational Educator
School Educator - Substitute
Educational/Developmental Aide I
Educational/Developmental Aide I

HUMAN SERVICES

Youth Program/Education Assistant II
Youth Services Behavior Specialist
Housing Unit Supervisor
Youth Services Counselor Technician
Youth Counselor
Youth Counselor Supervisor

MANAGERIAL

Human Services Coordinator I
Training School Unit Administrator
Training School Program Manager
Training School Assistant Unit Administrator
Youth Services Facility Director
Detention Director
Youth Center Supervisor
Psychological Program Manager

CHIEF COURT COUNSELOR/JUVENILE COURT COUNSELOR POSITIONS:

Chief Court Counselor I
Chief Court Counselor II
Juvenile Court Counselor I
Juvenile Court Counselor II
Juvenile Court Counselor Supervisor