



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

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President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Continuing Education Administrators

FROM: Jennifer Haygood
Executive Vice President for Operations and Chief Financial Officer

RE: **Waiver Clarification: NC National Guard and the State Emergency Operations Plan**

Colleges have asked if members of the North Carolina National Guard are eligible for fee waivers for training courses under General Statute 115D-5(b)(2)(d). In an emergency, the NC National Guard is deployed as a **State resource** under the State's Emergency Operations Plan. Therefore, **members of the NC National Guard may be issued a fee waiver for Continuing Education Emergency Management courses** (courses with an EPT prefix). When such waivers are issued, the appropriate Tuition Remission Report Discount/AR Code is CEPRS. This authorized waiver corresponds to the waiver category outlined on pages 13-14 of the NCCCS Waiver Reference Guide. The law and guidance document are found below.

The purpose of this memo is to provide clarification so that colleges may understand and implement the applicable waiver consistently across the state. Please note that this waiver corresponds directly to the Guard's role as a **State asset** in an emergency and not its role as federal military. Current legislation specifies that the State Board of Community Colleges may authorize a waiver of tuition and registration fees for courses that meet the training needs of specified volunteer, municipal, county, and State public safety agencies. The legislation does not include authorization to extend this waiver to personnel associated with federal agencies. As a result, federal military, federal Department of Defense personnel, and other federal public safety employees are not eligible for the State's authorized fee waivers.

References:

General Statute 115D-5 (b)

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_115D/GS_115D-5.html (This statute is also excerpted on page 35 of the Waiver Reference Guide below).

CC13-020 "Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver Reference Guide – Version 2.0," dated August 16, 2013

<http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/numbered-memos/cc13-020>

Please distribute as appropriate on your campuses, and let me know if you have additional questions.

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