

**NUMBERED MEMO CC25-021**

**TO:** Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

**SUBJECT:** Amendment of 1E SBCCC 200.2 – Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay

**DATE:** April 8, 2025

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On April 4, 2025, the State Board of Community Colleges voted to amend the State Board Code, **1E SBCCC 200.2 – Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay**. This amendment will allow more flexibility for community colleges to process financial aid for current and prospective students.

**The amendment will be effective May 1, 2025.** At that time, the amended rule will be published on the North Carolina Community College System's website, [State Board Code - NCCCS \(nccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.

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**State Board of Community Colleges Code**  
**TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES**



**CHAPTER E. STUDENT TUITION AND FEES**

**SUBCHAPTER 200. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1E SBCCC 200.2 Time Due, Deferred Payment, Failure to Pay**

(a) Time Due. If a student registers on or before the first date of a course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due on a specific date prescribed by the college that is on or before the census date of the course section. If a student registers after the first date of the course section, tuition, registration fees, and other fees required for enrollment are due on or by the census date. A student may satisfy the requirement for payment due through one or more of the following methods:

- (1) Directly paying the college.
- (2) Demonstrating to the college's satisfaction that the student is eligible for financial aid or other third-party payment.
- (3) Entering into a deferred payment plan authorized by 1E SBCCC 200.2(b).
- (4) Providing evidence of eligibility for a tuition or registration fee waiver consistent with 1E SBCCC 800.

To ensure tuition receipts are deposited to the credit of the fiscal year in which the Fall academic term occurs, colleges shall begin collecting curriculum tuition payments for the Fall academic term on or after July 1 of that year.

(b) Deferred Payment. The college may, with approval of the board of trustees, prescribe written procedures to permit short-term deferred payment or payment in installments; provided, however, that payment in full is due by the end of the academic term. For the purposes of this section, "short term" is defined as a period that does not extend beyond the last day of the academic term.

(c) Failure to Pay. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may not enroll or distribute an academic credential to a student with an outstanding balance for tuition or registration fees except under the following circumstances:

- (1) The college anticipates that the outstanding balance will be paid using pending financial aid;
- (2) A person or organization demonstrates to the satisfaction of the college the ability to pay the outstanding obligation and guarantees in writing to pay the balance if the student fails to do so;
- (3) A student is registered in a course section offered for the benefit of a company or agency. For the purpose of this rule, company or agency specific course sections are courses where the company pays the tuition or registration, and courses where attendance in the course section is limited to employees of the company or agency;
- (4) A student is classified as a captive or co-opted student pursuant to 1D SBCCC 700.98(a); or
- (5) A student is registered in a course that is on a specialized course list approved by the State Board of Community Colleges and supports the organizational training needs for entities specified in G.S. 115D-5(b)(2).
- (6) The college, in its discretion, determines that the outstanding balance is due to a COVID-19 related reason.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, colleges may withhold transcripts of grades and any other service pending resolution of outstanding monetary obligations. This statement shall not be construed to prohibit a college's board of trustees from adding more stringent provisions that are allowable under law regarding outstanding monetary balances.

*History Note:* Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;

Eff. [May 16, 2014](#);

Amended Eff. [February 1, 2015](#).

Temporary Amendment Eff. [March 19, 2020](#).

Temporary Amendment Repealed Eff. [April 17, 2020](#).

*Temporary Amendment Eff. [April 20, 2020](#). Temporary Amendment expires October 14, 2020.*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. [October 14, 2020](#).*

*Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2024. Temporary Amendment expires December 31, 2024.*

*Amended Eff. [May 1, 2025](#)*