

TUITION POLICY FOR EMPLOYER SPONSORED LEARNING PROGRAMS

Board of Governors for Higher Education
State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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PRINCIPLES

A healthy economy creates new job opportunities for individuals as well as increased tax revenues for the state. To a large extent, Rhode Island's economic health depends on the increased productivity of its workers. One of the most significant ways to increase human productivity is the acquisition of new skills. The Rhode Island public higher education system offers businesses an ideal way to invest in human potential through employer sponsored learning.

Due to the small size of our state, many Rhode Island businesses employ residents of neighboring states. Under the Board's current regulations, these in-state employers have to pay out-of-state tuition for such individuals, which is roughly three times the cost of the in-state rate. This could be a disincentive for some firms to use our public institutions for their employer sponsored learning programs.

POLICY

An employee of a Rhode Island business who is attending a Rhode Island public institution of higher education under an employer sponsored learning program shall be charged at in-state tuition rates regardless of the employee's state of residence. In order to attain the in-state rate, an employee must present verification at the time of registration that the course(s) being taken is covered by an employer sponsored learning program. Further, employers with such programs are required to register in advance with the public institution of higher education.