



POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Category:	<i>Post-Secondary Learning Act</i>
Policy Title:	International Student Fees
Effective Date:	July 16 2005
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Whereas the Government of Alberta uses Canadian tax dollars to assist Canadians in pursuing Post Secondary Education;

Whereas a culturally diverse institution reflects the multicultural values of Canadian society;

Whereas the Government of Alberta has stated “International students are important to the province because they bring an intercultural perspective to the classroom and to the communities in which they live. International students contribute to our innovative competitiveness and return home with an understanding of Canadian people and culture.”

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Whereas international students who graduate from a Canadian post-secondary institution may apply to work in Canada in their field of study for up to two years and may also seek Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status, in turn contributing to the whole of Canadian society;

Whereas international students should not bear the burden of institutions’ financial deficits;

BIRT the Government of Alberta ensure that international students are paying up to a maximum of 100% of the cost of their education;

BIFRT the Government of Alberta create an incentive program for international students who subsequently become Canadian citizens by refunding a portion of the cost of their tuition.