



POLICY STATEMENT

Policy Category:	Funding
Policy Title:	Standard of Living
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Whereas the term ‘Moderate’ is subjective and difficult to define;

Whereas the cost of living differs significantly within the Province of Alberta;

Whereas costs for basic housing, child care and transportation has increased;

Whereas costs for post-secondary education have increased (including, but not limited to: tuition fees, technical fees, and associated educational capital costs);

Whereas enrollment for post-secondary education has increased yearly for both part-time and full-time students, creating more demand for financial assistance;

BIRT the Government of Alberta recognize that the cost for basic housing for students, the cost of tuition, enrollment in post-secondary institutions, child care, transportation, have increased;

BIFRT the Government of Alberta define a ‘moderate standard of living’ as “the ability of students to access ‘basic needs’ for themselves and their dependents taking into account regional differences in cost.”

BIFRT the Government of Alberta defines ‘basic needs’ to include, but not be exclusive to, the following based on Regional criteria: Food, Shelter, Clothing, Personal Wellness, Transportation, Tuition, Child Care and Educational Capital Costs;

BIFRT the Government of Alberta ensure for all Alberta PSE students a moderate standard of living through bursaries, grants and student loans.