

Title: Citizenship – Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student
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President

1. PURPOSE

To establish policy that complies with those policies established by the Federal and Provincial governments that pertain to and define the exceptions applicable to foreign students wishing to study in Canada and be treated as a domestic student for purposes of funding, tuition fees and reporting.

2. DEFINITIONS

Not applicable.

3. AUTHORITY

3.1 Related Acts and Regulations

[Canada Citizenship Act](#)
[Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Act](#)
[College and Institute Act](#)

3.2 Related Policies

Not applicable.

4. RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS

Not applicable.

5. POLICY

- 5.1 The definitions of the terms that differentiate Canadian citizenship and immigration status, as outlined in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and the *Citizenship Act*, will be used to determine eligibility for enrolment at Langara College.
- 5.2 Adult Canadian citizens, including permanent residents in Canada, are eligible for enrolment as domestic students.
- 5.3 By exception, those whose status in Canada falls within one or more of the categories identified in Appendix 1 will be considered for enrolment as though they were Canadian citizens or permanent residents in Canada.
- 5.4 For the purpose of enrolment consideration at Langara College, all other applicants will be governed by College policies specific to International Education students.
- 5.5 If the individual meets the defined exception criteria, they will be treated as a domestic student for the purpose of funding, reporting and tuition fee assessment.

6. GUIDELINES/STANDARDS

B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education. [Guidelines Respecting International Students at British Columbia Public Post-Secondary Institutions](#). Victoria: The Ministry, 2002.

7. EXCEPTIONS

Not applicable.

8. PROCEDURES

- 8.1 All documents relating to proof of citizenship and/or status in Canada may be required at the time of application for enrolment in the College.
- 8.2 If required when applications are being considered, enrolment status will be determined by the Dean of Student Support Services, or his/her delegate.

- 8.3 The Registrar will keep a record of the individuals admitted under the exceptions provided for in 5.3, including the category identified in Appendix 1 that was used as the basis for making the exception.

9. INQUIRIES

For further information regarding this policy, please contact the Dean of Student Support Services.

10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Exceptions Applicable to Foreign Students

APPENDIX 1 Exceptions Applicable to Foreign Students

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Government of Canada, has established policies under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and *Citizenship Act* pertaining to and defining exceptions applicable to foreign students wishing to study in Canada. To be treated as a domestic student for the purpose of funding and reporting, an individual will fall within one of the following categories:

- i. A live-in caregiver with a valid work permit.
- ii. An individual who is in Canada to carry out official duties as a diplomatic or consular officer; or as a representative or official of a country other than Canada, or of the United Nations or any of its agencies, or of any intergovernmental organization in which Canada participates; or as a dependent* or a member of the staff of any such diplomat, consular officer, representative, or official and is able to substantiate with an identity card issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, which gives his/her position, date of issuance, and date of validity.
- iii. Any person who is in Canada, who has been determined under the Immigration and Refugee Act to be a Convention Refugee and can present a letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada confirming this.
- iv. A person under an international exchange, scholarship, or fellowship agreement where there has been joint approval by the receiving institution.
- v. A legal dependent* of a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident* of Canada providing that the dependent status is fully documented and has been established a minimum of one year prior to the student's application for exemption.
- vi. By special class application to the institution, an individual with a full-time long term work permit (at least one year or longer) and his/her dependents, may be eligible for treatment as a domestic student; persons on a working holiday work permit or refugee claimants who have yet to be determined Convention refugees are eligible or considered to be domestic students.
- vii. At the discretion of the institution, an individual who is in Canada, who has applied for Permanent Resident Status and who can provide evidence of proof of application to Citizenship and Immigration Canada with a fee paid receipt may be eligible. This might include: the spouse of a Canadian Resident or Permanent Resident, dependent child of the spouse of a Canadian Resident or Permanent Resident, or dependent child of a Canadian Resident or Permanent Resident.

* The interpretation of the terms "permanent resident" and "dependent" will be the same as defined by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.