


Policy Name:	ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT AS A DOMESTIC STUDENT	
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## ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT AS A DOMESTIC STUDENT POLICY

### 1.00 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to define the categories under which a non-Canadian citizen (international student) may be considered as a domestic student for the purpose of enrolment, fees, and reporting at Coast Mountain College (CMTN).

### 2.00 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 None

### 3.00 DETERMINATION OF STATUS

- 3.1 The determination of eligibility for domestic fees is guided by [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#) and the [BC Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills](#).

### 4.00 POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.1 All Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents are charged fees as domestic students.

### 5.00 CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION AS A DOMESTIC STUDENT

- 5.1 International students who meet one of the following categories can be considered as domestic students for the purpose of tuition fee assessment, scholarship and award funding, and provincial reporting:
- a. **Foreign Representative:** An individual properly accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), or its successor, and residing in Canada to carry out official duties as a diplomatic agent, consular officer, representative or official of a country other than Canada, of the United Nations or any of its agencies, or of any international organization of which Canada is a member.
  - b. **Dependant Child of a Foreign Representative:** A person who has been designated by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), or its successor, to be a Dependant Child (under 22) of a Foreign Representative.

- c. **Refugee:** A person who has been granted Refugee status by the Refugee Claims Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, or the Refugee Appeals Division, or their successors.
- d. **Protected Person:** A person who has been granted Protected Person status by the Refugee Claims Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada or the Refugee Appeals Division, or their successors.
- e. **International Student:** A person specified in a formal agreement approved by Coast Mountain College.
- f. **Live in Caregiver:** A person from a country other than Canada who has a valid work permit.
- g. **Dependant of a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident:** A spouse or common-law spouse, unmarried child (biological or adopted) under 22 years old or 21 and older who has depended largely on the parent's financial support since before the age of 18 because of a physical or mental condition.
- h. **Permanent Resident Applicant and Dependants:** Permanent residents must show proof that they have applied and met all the preliminary immigration requirements for Permanent Resident status and have lived in Canada for a minimum of one year. Dependants are defined the same as section g).
- i. **Refugee Claimant:** A person who can show documented proof of living in Canada for one year and who has completed the initial Refugee assessment/hearing.
- j. **Indigenous students:** Where ancestral lands are wholly or partly within Canada and the Indigenous person lives outside Canada, regardless of citizenship.
- k. **Foreign Nationals on Long-Term Work Permits and Dependants:** Persons or their dependants who have been issued a work permit that is valid for a period in excess of one-year, excluding the following:
  - i. graduate teachers or research assistants
  - ii. students holding an off-campus work permit
  - iii. students or their dependants who hold a post-graduate work permit
  - iv. international students and their dependants who have received a work permit as a result of holding a valid study permit
  - v. medical residents who have received a work permit for the purpose of medical training if taking another program of study.

- 5.2 The student is responsible for providing the required documentation in advance of the academic term and for all subsequent terms, as required.

## 6.00 RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 6.1 [EDU-011P, Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student Procedure](#)

## 7.00 OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND LINKS

- 7.1 [BC Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills](#)
- 7.2 [Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development \(DFATD\)](#)
- 7.3 [Government of Canada – Immigration and Citizenship](#)
- 7.4 [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#)

8.00 HISTORY

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