

6E-1.0032 Fair Consumer Practices

(1) through (5) No change.

(6) Each prospective student shall be provided a written copy, or shall have access to an electronic copy, of the institution's catalog prior to enrollment or the collection of any tuition, fees or other charges. The catalog shall contain the following required disclosures, and catalogs of licensed institutions must also contain the information required in subsections 6E-2.004(11) and (12), F.A.C.:

(a) through (h) No change.

(i) Student refund policies: This rule establishes the Commission's minimum refund guidelines for licensed institutions. Refund policies which pertain to students who are receiving Title IV Federal Student Financial Assistance or veterans' benefits shall be in compliance with applicable federal regulations. All institutions shall have an equitable prorated refund policy for all students, which shall be disclosed in the catalog and enrollment agreement or similar documents, and must be uniformly administered. Any nonrefundable fees or charges shall also be disclosed. The institution's refund policy shall provide a formula for proration of refunds based upon the length of time the student remains enrolled, up to a minimum of 40 percent of a program, if the student is charged tuition for an entire program; or 20 percent, if the institution charges the student for a term, quarter, semester, or other time period that is less than the duration of the entire program. As an alternative, an institution that charges tuition for a term, quarter, semester or other time period that is less than the duration of the entire program may establish a drop/add period which shall be no less than 10 percent of the period for which the student is financially committed, or ~~one~~ ~~two~~ weeks, whichever is less. If the student withdraws before the end of the drop/add period, the student will be refunded all tuition and fees, as well as any funds paid for supplies, books, or equipment which can be and are returned to the institution. The refund policy shall not consider that all or substantially all tuition for an entire program or term is earned when a student has been enrolled for only a minimal percentage of the program or term. The refund policy shall provide for cancellation of any obligation, other than a book and supply assessment for supplies, materials and kits which are not returnable because of use, within 3 working days from the student's signing an enrollment agreement or contract. Refunds shall be made within 30 days of the date that the institution determines that the student has withdrawn. Institutions need not keep attendance, but must adopt and publish an equitable policy by which withdrawal dates will be determined, which may include notification by the student or reports from faculty. This policy shall be submitted to the Commission before publication. Nonrefundable application fees for Florida students shall not exceed \$50. The requirements regarding refund policies as stated herein do not apply to dormitory or meal fees. Refund policies for those fees, if charged, shall be set by the institution and also disclosed in conjunction with the refund policy.

(j) through (k) No change.

(7) through (10) No change.

Specific Authority 1005.22(1)(e)1., 1005.34 FS.

Law Implemented 1005.04, 1005.22(1)(k), 1005.31(13), 1005.32(5), 1005.34 FS.

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