

Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology

Tuition Refund Policy

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Policy:

Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology believes in treating all students fairly with regard to the potential dismissal of a student from a program of study. To that end the following outlines how student’s payments will be handled in the event of a student’s dismissal or withdrawal from a program.

A student may be entitled to a refund of tuition fees paid to the institution in the event that:

- A student provides written notice to the institution that he or she is withdrawing from the program.
- Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology provides written notice to the student advising that the student has been dismissed from the program.

The written notice of withdrawal or dismissal may be delivered in any manner provided that a receipt or other verification is available that indicates the date on which the notice is delivered. The notice is deemed to be effective from the date it is delivered. The refund entitlement to which a student is entitled is calculated on the total tuition fees due under the contract. Where total tuition fees have not yet been collected, Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology is not responsible for refunding more than had been collected to date and a student may be required to make up for monies due under the contract. If the Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology has received fees in excess of the amount they are entitled to under the student contract, the excess amounts must be refunded. The Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology will not accept any form of payment except for the non-refundable registration fee until the student provides proof of meeting all program requirements.

1. If the institution receives tuition from the student, or a person on behalf of the student, the institution will refund the student, or the person who paid on behalf of the student, the tuition that was paid in relation to the program in which the student is enrolled if:
 - (a) the institution receives a notice of withdrawal from the student no later than seven days after the effective contract date and before the contract start date;
 - (b) the student, or the student’s parent or legal guardian, signs the student enrolment contract seven days or less before the contract start date and the institution receives a notice of withdrawal from the student between the date the student, or

- the student's parent or legal guardian, signed the student enrolment contract and the contract start date; or
- (c) the student does not attend a work experience component and the institution does not provide all of the hours of instruction of the work experience component within 30 days of the contract end date.
2. The institution will refund the tuition for the program and all related fees paid by the student or a person on behalf of the student enrolled in the program if the student is enrolled in the program without having met the admission requirements and did not misrepresent his or her knowledge or skills when applying for admission.
 3. If a student does not attend any of the first 30% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term, the institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition paid under the student enrolment contract unless the program is provided solely through distance education.
 4. Unless the program is provided solely through distance education, if the institution receives a notice of withdrawal from a student:
 - (a) more than seven days after the effective contract date and
 - i. at least 30 days before the contract start date, the institution may retain up to 10% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract, to a maximum of \$1,000.
 - ii. less than 30 days before the contract start date, the institution may retain up to 20% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract, to a maximum of \$1,300.
 - (b) after the contract start date
 - i. but before 11% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term have been provided, the institution may retain up to 30% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract.
 - ii. and after 10% but before 30% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term have been provided, the institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract.
 5. Unless the program is provided solely through distance education, if the institution provides a notice of dismissal to a student and the date the institution delivers the notice to the student is:
 - (a) before 11% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term have been provided, the institution may retain up to 30% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract.
 - (b) after 10% but before 30% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term have been provided, the institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract.

6. If the institution provides the program solely through distance education and the institution receives a student's notice of withdrawal or the institution delivers a notice of dismissal to the student and:
 - (a) the student has completed and received an evaluation of his or her performance for at least 30% of the hours of instruction to be provided during the contract term, the institution may retain up to 30% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract, or
 - (b) the student has completed and received an evaluation of his or her performance for more than 30% but less than 50% of the program, the institution may retain up to 50% of the tuition due under the student enrolment contract.
7. The institution will refund fees charged for course materials paid for but not received if the student provides a notice of withdrawal to the institution or the institution provides a notice of dismissal to the student.
8. Refunds required under this policy will be paid to the student, or a person who paid the tuition or fees on behalf of the student, within 30 days:
 - (a) of the date the institution receives a student's notice of withdrawal,
 - (b) of the date the institution provides a notice of dismissal to the student,
 - (c) of the date that the registrar provides notice to the institution that the institution is not complying with section 1(c) or 2 of this policy, or
 - (d) after the first 30% of the hours of instruction if section 3 of this policy applies.
9. If an international student delivers a copy of a refusal of a study permit to the institution, sections 1(a), 1(b), 4, 7, **Error! Reference source not found.** and 8 of this policy apply as if the copy of the refusal were a notice of withdrawal, unless:
 - (a) the international student requests an additional letter of acceptance for the same program that was the subject of the refusal of a study permit, or the program is provided solely through distance education.

Refunds owing to students will be paid within 30 calendar days of the Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology receiving written notification of withdrawal and all supporting documentation, or within 30 calendar days of the Vancouver Island Institute of Medical Technology's written notice of dismissal.