



Council for Lifelong Learning  
**Tuition and Fees for Workforce  
Development Education**

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1. What fees must a student pay to enroll in a workforce development education course?	A student who enrolls in a workforce development education program at either a school district or community college must pay fees for matriculation and tuition (if out-of-state). A school district or community college may also charge students a financial aid fee and/or a capital improvement fee. A student may be required to pay other fees (e.g., user fees) only if they are specifically authorized in statute.
2. Who establishes the fees?	<p>Section 239.117, F.S., directs the Commissioner of Education to annually provide the State Board of Education with a schedule of fees for workforce development education for school districts and community colleges. The State Board of Education then must adopt a fee schedule for workforce education for school districts, which takes effect unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act (GAA). The State Board of Education must review and evaluate the percentage of workforce development program costs that are supported through student fees to ensure that the appropriate percentage of costs are covered through fee revenues.</p> <p>School boards and community college boards of trustees are specifically authorized by statute to establish fees which include the financial aid fee, the capital improvement fee, and certain other fees.</p>
3. What is the financial aid fee?	A financial aid fee of up to 10 percent of the matriculation and tuition fees may be charged by school districts or community colleges and must be used to support students enrolled in workforce education. Awards must be based on student need.
4. What is the capital improvement fee?	A capital improvement fee of up to five percent of matriculation and tuition fees may be charged by school districts or community colleges to provide funding for construction, renovation, or remodeling of facilities; technology enhancement; or equipping buildings.
5. Who is exempt from paying fees?	Certain students are provided fee exemptions in statute including: students who do not have a high school diploma; students who have a high school diploma but who have academic skills below the eighth grade level; students who are dually enrolled; students who are in approved apprenticeship programs; and workforce clients.

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6. How are fees for continuing workforce education determined?	Fees for continuing workforce education (CWE) are determined at the local level. Community colleges and school districts must ensure that at least 50 percent of the expenditures for CWE courses are funded from fees.
7. What are the applicable statutes and rules?	Section 239.117, F.S. -- Workforce Development Postsecondary Student Fees
8. Where can I get additional information?	Department of Education Division of Workforce Development (850) 488-7591  Department of Education Division of Community Colleges (850) 488-1721  The Florida House of Representatives Committee on Workforce & Technical Skills (850) 922-9463