

## Message/Statement on Tuition Fee Increases for August 1st, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Why are international students paying more for the exact same courses domestic students are taking as well. Sure, they are international students, but they came here to contribute to our economy and workforce. They become BC residents once they decide to come to our colleges and universities to learn and contribute to the community. Everyone who goes through our institutions should be treated as equals and should be paying the exact same price for courses. They are paying 2-5 times more than domestic students for the same education. They also are working towards making a stronger BC.

At times international students are staying in unstable homes, working long hours just to make it by while attending full time classes. Why do they have to miss a meal just to attend classes? Why do they have to stay in unstable rentals because they cannot afford in a safe and stable home. So, a 2% cap on international students' tuition fees just like domestic students is crucial for their success. Making post-secondary education more accessible and affordable for everyone is what is needed.

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