

**12.7 Tuition Waiver** – Tuition waiver is applicable only to full-time non-classified employees of the Council for Postsecondary Education. Waiver of fees shall be limited strictly to tuition. The individual must pay for all other fees, books, supplies, travel, and other expenses. The level of eligibility for members of the bargaining unit shall be unrestricted.

Tuition waiver only applies to institutions under the jurisdiction of the Council for Postsecondary Education. This waiver applies to the employee's spouse or domestic partner, as defined in RIGL §36-12-1, and dependent children, as defined below, who are pursuing courses in a regular study program for credit at the first baccalaureate level only at any institution, and who are taking courses at one of the three institutions under the Council of Postsecondary Education's jurisdiction. In the event of an employee's death, the tuition waiver benefit shall be provided for those spouses or domestic partners, as defined in RIGL §36-12-1, and dependent children, as defined below, who have been accepted or are enrolled at the time of such death and who maintain continuous enrollment. For purposes of this policy, "dependent children" is intended to refer to a child, as defined in Internal Revenue Code §§ 117(d), 132(h), and 152(f)(1), of the eligible employee, for whom the eligible employee is entitled to claim and does claim a dependency deduction on their federal personal income tax return under Internal Revenue Code Section 152, including Section 152(e), or both of whose parents are deceased and who has not attained age 25.

An employee must provide evidence of marriage, domestic partnership, or dependency in order to receive a tuition waiver hereunder.

However, pursuant to RIGL §16-97.7 no eligible employee of the Council for Postsecondary Education, his or her spouse, domestic partner or dependent children, shall receive a tuition waiver as a result of employment status with the Council for Postsecondary Education, without first consenting to the public disclosure of the existence and amount of the waiver. This applies to any waiver at the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and/or the University of Rhode Island.

To be eligible to receive a tuition waiver for any semester or session at an institution under the Council's jurisdiction, an employee of the Council for Postsecondary Education must be a full-time employee on the date of the first day of classes for that semester or session.

If an employee is an otherwise "eligible employee" but is on leave without pay, neither the employee nor his or her spouse or domestic partner, as defined in RIGL §36-12-1, or dependent children are eligible for tuition waiver unless specifically approved by the institution.

Tuition waivers are not applicable to non-credit courses.