UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

Amendment of Chapter 20-6 and Repeal of Chapters 20-14 and 20-19, Hawaii Administrative Rules

(June 20, 1997)

1. Chapter 6 of Title 20, Hawaii Administrative Rules, is amended.

2. Chapter 14 of Title 20, Hawaii Administrative Rules is repealed.

3. Chapter 19 of Title 20, Hawaii Administrative Rules is repealed.

They shall take effect ten days after filing with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

DAVID B. RAMOS, Chairperson
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TITLE 20

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

CHAPTER 6

TUITION WAIVERS

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§20-6-1  Purpose and policies. (a) The purpose of this chapter is to establish tuition waiver criteria that allow for the waiver of payment of all or part of tuition for credit courses offered at the university and to establish procedures whereby such waivers from payment of tuition and fees will be accomplished.

(b) The Board is committed to providing tuition waivers to increase access to University programs for financially needy students and to support University priorities. The primary goal of this tuition assistance program is to facilitate access to the University by financially needy Hawaii residents.

(c) The tuition waiver program supports equal access to University programs to students with demonstrated financial need, with priority to Hawaii residents; promotes the achievement of high quality educational programs by attracting and retaining academically superior students; and fosters the development and maintenance of a highly diversified and stimulating campus environment.

(d) Tuition waivers may be used to support graduate assistants, faculty and staff, as well as various categories of students in accordance with University priorities, agreements, and applicable statutes.

(e) Tuition waivers shall be established in accordance with applicable state statutes and the following policy considerations:

(1) Accessibility and the mix of students;
(2) Financial aid availability and use;
(3) Cost of education and the sharing of that cost between the students and the general public;
(4) Differential tuition rates that reflect the different missions of the major University units; and
(5) Comparison of tuition charges with other comparable campuses of higher education.

§20-6-2 Definition of terms. As used in this chapter:

"Board" means the boards of regents of the University of Hawaii.

"Credit course" means that type of credit, which upon successful completion of the course in which registered, is applicable toward a certificate or degree at the University.

"President" means the president of the University and shall include authorized subordinates.

"Resident" means the classification as a resident of Hawaii according to the provisions contained in chapter 4 of this title.

"Student" means every full-time and part-time graduate and undergraduate student enrolled at the University.

"Tuition waiver" refers to the waiver of payment of all or part of tuition for credit courses offered by the University.

"University" means the publicly supported campuses of the State system of higher education known collectively as the University of Hawaii.

The use of the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural where appropriate. [Eff June 22, 1981; am MAY 09 1998 (Auth: HRS §§91-2, 304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH) (Imp: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH)]

§20-6-3 Implementation and delegation of authority. (a) The board delegates the authority to implement and administer the tuition waiver program, in accordance with the guidelines in this chapter, to the President and the President's authorized designees.

(b) To fully implement the guidelines in this chapter, the President is authorized to establish additional criteria and procedures to properly administer the tuition waiver program.

(c) In a form to be determined by the President, each University campus shall compile information on the distribution of all tuition waivers for the President, who shall submit an annual utilization report to the Board. [Eff June 22, 1981; am MAY 09 1998 (Auth: HRS §§91-2, 304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH) (Imp: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH)]
§20-6-4 Eligibility, length of award(s), and amount of award(s). Guidelines for determining eligibility for tuition waivers, length of award(s), and amount of award(s) shall be established by the President or the President's authorized designees in accordance with the policy guidelines of §20-6-1. [Eff June 22, 1981; am 1998] (Auth: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH) (Imp: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH)

§20-6-5 Tuition waiver procedures. Each campus of the University shall establish and make public, prior to the registration period, procedures to be followed by eligible persons for exemption from payment of all or part of tuition and fees for credit courses. [Eff June 22, 1981; am 1998] (Auth: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH) (Imp: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH)

§20-6-6 Enrollment procedures. Each campus of the university shall establish and make public procedures to be followed by an eligible person to receive tuition assistance. In administering the tuition assistance program, each campus shall establish and publish reasonable deadlines and procedures to insure that, where it is appropriate, students are provided with ample notice of such waivers and any procedural requirements. [Eff June 22, 1981; am 1998] (Auth: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH) (Imp: HRS §§304-4, 304-14.5; Act 161, 1995 SLH; Act 237, 1996 SLH)
§20-6-12 Hawaii Opportunity Program in Education (HOPE).  (a) The tuition waiver program established by this chapter includes waivers for the Hawaii Opportunity Program in Education (HOPE).

(b) These waivers are intended to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, who are from ethnic groups under-represented in professions in the state and programs of the university, by reducing financial barriers which prevent them from attending the university. The program is consistent with the university's goals for diversity and quality. The program supports the university's commitment to improve the diversity of its students because diversity enriches the academic experience and is essential to the quality of higher education. Reflecting the multicultural society of the nation and the state in which it exists is a compelling societal and university interest. The program is not limited to persons of Hawaiian, Filipino, Samoan, Southeast Asian, Hispanic, Pacific island and African-American backgrounds although these students in the past have demonstrated that a high proportion are from disadvantaged backgrounds and are under-represented in professions and university programs. Every four years beginning in 1997, the president or the president's designee shall identify the ethnic groups that are under-represented in university programs.

(c) The Board delegates authority to the President to determine criteria for underrepresentation, financial need, and procedures to implement the HOPE program, including scholarship awards from the HOPE special fund.

§20-6-13 Severability. If any provision of this chapter, or the application of it to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provision of the rules in this chapter are severable.