Alaska Unlocked

Eliminating Out-of-State Tuition Rates

Starting next fall, all students attending the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA), University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), and University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) will pay the same tuition rates as Alaska residents.

The University of Alaska Board of Regents voted August 4 to eliminate out-of-state tuition (aka "non-resident tuition" or "NRT") effective for the 2027-28 academic year.

Recruitment and retention	**Simpler for students**	**Minimal revenue change**	**Competitive with peers**
More than 75% of students who come to Alaska stay and work here long term. This discount aids recruitment efforts.	85% of out-of-state students already had the rate discounted. The rate created more work than revenue.	Net out-of-state tuition at UAA and UAF totaled about $1.4 million in FY25, or 1.2% of all net tuition.	UA now matches systems that already offer resident tuition to out-of-state students.

Pathway to Tuition Transparency

The removal of non-resident rates is the first step in the Tuition Transparency initiative to make the cost of attending Alaska's universities easier to calculate for all students

August 2026
Eliminate out-of-state tuition for all Alaska universities effective Fall 2027

September 2026
Board reviews proposed tuition rates and policy changes based on program, degree seeking status and campus, surcharges rolled into program tuition rates

November 2026
Board votes to approve new tuition structure for Fall 2027

Fall 2027
Students know what tuition they will pay for all courses for the duration of their degree path

Each university continues to have its own tuition rates. Eliminating the out-of-state rate does not merge or standardize rates across universities. Rates for 2027-28 will be approved by the Board of Regents in November 2026.

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