



Tuition Waiver Policy for Essar Steel and Tenaris Tubes Unemployed Workers

Algoma University is moving forward with a Tuition Waiver Policy (TWP) to immediately address the plight of local unemployed workers in the steel industry. The tuition waiver will assist laid-off Essar and Tenaris workers with the affordability of post-secondary education in an effort to enable workers to acquire the skills necessary to succeed in the fast-changing global economy. One of the critical deliverables of the policy is to accelerate the laid-off worker's transitions through learning and contribute to their employability skills.

Individuals interested in applying for the TWP as set forth in the policy must be currently unemployed or in receipt of a layoff notice as a result of a work reduction, termination notice and with the intention of completing a course or courses towards a credential which may be part of a job training program.

Applicants who qualify under this program must satisfy all academic admission requirements, and registration requirements meeting all established university deadlines. The waiver is available to all matriculating or non-matriculating students, demonstrating that the individual possesses the minimum prerequisite skills for study at the university.

Process:

1. Prospective students should contact their organization's HR office to determine if they are eligible to participate in the program. If eligible their HR office will connect them with an Algoma University Admissions Advisor to assist with the university application process.
2. Eligible students interested in attending Algoma University under the TWP, should apply at <https://algomau.ca/apply/>.
3. Students must present the appropriate certification indicating currently unemployed or in receipt of a layoff notice and a desire to complete a course or courses which may be part of a job training or skills enhancement.
4. Students must be admissible for admission as degree or non-degree students as per the admission requirements as prescribed by the University. The application must be completed with official transcripts and any other supporting documentation.
5. When registering for courses, students must self-identify as a tuition-waiver student. Students must register for a minimum of 9 credits per term to ensure eligibility.

6. Students must maintain good academic standing and satisfactory academic persistence as defined by the Algoma University academic regulations regarding academic progression.
7. If a student qualifies for OSAP funding, the student must authorize Algoma University to redirect a portion of their OSAP funding to pay, on their behalf, any fees owing on their student account.
8. Students are required to inform the Office of the Registrar of any change in their employment status and eligibility under this program when any change occurs. Students who become employed during a semester may complete the semester under the TWP.
9. Students eligible and admitted as part of the TWP will be required to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor prior to registration. Students should review the policies for adding and dropping courses, and registration options when registering for courses.

Exclusions:

1. All Algoma University academic programs are eligible under this policy – individual instruction, directed studies and reading courses are not included in the Tuition Waiver Program.
2. TWP covers all tuition related fees, however, ancillary fees must be paid by the successful applicant.
3. Students eligible for the Tuition Waiver Program are not eligible for any scholarship nor bursary monies issued by the University (merit-based, unmet need).
4. Students considered as a 'dependent' under the terms of the three Algoma University Collective agreements (staff, full-time faculty, and part-time faculty) are not eligible for the Tuition Waiver Program.
5. Students eligible for the Tuition Waiver Policy will not be eligible for Study Abroad programs as established by Algoma University.
6. Students who are denied access to the TWP or are appealing the conditions of exclusion, have the right to petition the decision. An appeal may be filed by sending an email to registrar@algomau.ca within seven business days of the date that Algoma University sent the email notification of the denial.