

## Micro-Credentials | Fee Refund Policy

### Policy Statement

To receive a refund of any portion of fees paid, you must give Trebas Institute written notice (Trebas Withdrawal form) that you intend to withdraw from the micro credential in which you have enrolled. To be eligible to receive a refund, you will also need to fill out the refund request form at [refunds.treas.com](http://refunds.treas.com) and provide all the required information and supporting documents.

Please ensure that you understand our refund process, terms & conditions, exclusions and read our Refund Policy.

### Full Refunds

25. (1) A private career college shall refund all the fees paid by a student under a contract for the provision of a vocational micro credential in the following circumstances:

1. The contract is rescinded by a person within two days of receiving a copy of the contract in accordance with section 36 of the Act.
2. The private career college discontinues the vocational micro credential before the student completes the micro credential, subject to subsection (2).
3. The private career college charges or collects the fees,
  - i. before the registration was issued for the college under the Act or before the vocational micro credential was approved by the Superintendent, or
  - ii. before entering into a contract for the provision of the vocational micro credential with the student, unless the fee is collected under subsection 44 (3).
4. The private career college expels the student from the college in a manner or for reasons that are contrary to the college's expulsion policy.
5. The private career college employs an instructor who is not qualified to teach all or part of the micro credential under section 41.
6. The contract is rendered void under subsection 18 (2) or under section 22.
7. If a private career college fails to, or does not accurately, provide in the itemized list provided to the Superintendent under section 43 a fee item corresponding to a fee paid by a student for the provision of a vocational micro credential, the college shall pay the student,
  - a) in the case of an item not provided by the college, the full amount of the fee for the item, and

b) in the case of a fee in excess of the amount of the fee provided for the item, the difference between the amount of the fee for the item provided to the Superintendent and the fee collected. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 25 (1).

(2) A full refund is not payable in the circumstances described in paragraph 2 of subsection (1) if the discontinuance of the vocational micro credential coincides with the private career college ceasing to operate. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 25 (2).

(3) A refund is not payable under paragraphs 1 to 6 of subsection (1) unless the student gives the private career college a written demand for the refund. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 25 (3).

(4) A refund under subsection (1) is payable by the private career college within 30 days of the day the student delivers to the college,

a) in the case of a rescission under section 36 of the Act, notice of the rescission; or

b) in the case of a refund under paragraphs 2 to 6 of subsection (1), a written demand for the refund. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 25 (4).

#### **Partial Refund Where the Student Does Not Commence Micro credential**

26. (1) If a student is admitted to a vocational micro credential, pays fees to the private career college in respect of the micro credential and subsequently does not commence the micro credential, the college shall refund part of the fees paid by the student in the following circumstances:

1. The student gives the college notice that he or she is withdrawing from the micro credential before the day the vocational micro credential commences.

2. In the case of a student who is admitted to a vocational micro credential on the condition that the student meet specified admission requirements before the day the micro credential commences, the student fails to meet the requirements before that day.

3. The student does not attend the micro credential during the first 14 days that follow the day the micro credential commenced and the college gives written notice to the student that it is cancelling the contract no later than 45 days after the day the micro credential has commenced. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 26 (1).

(2) The amount of a refund under subsection (1) shall be an amount that is equal to the full amount paid by the student for the vocational micro credential, less an amount equal to the lesser of 20 per cent of the full amount of the fee and \$500. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 26 (2).

(3) A refund under subsection (1) is payable,

a) in the case of a refund under paragraph 1 of subsection (1), within 30 days of the day the student gives notice of withdrawing from the micro credential;

b) in the case of a refund under paragraph 2 of subsection (1), within 30 days of the day the vocational micro credential commences; and

c) in the case of a refund under paragraph 3 of subsection (1), within 45 days of the day the vocational micro credential commences. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 26 (3).

(4) For the purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection (1), it is a condition of a contract for the provision of a vocational micro credential that the private career college may cancel the contract within 45 days of the day the vocational micro credential commences if the person who entered the contract with the college fails to attend the micro credential during the 14 days that follow the day the vocational micro credential commences. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 26 (4).

(5) A private career college that wishes to cancel a contract in accordance with subsection (4) shall give written notice of the cancellation to the other party to the contract within 45 days of the day the vocational micro credential commences. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 26 (5).

### **Partial Refunds: Withdrawals and Expulsions After Micro credential Commenced**

27. (1) A private career college shall give a student who commences a vocational micro credential a refund of part of the fees paid in respect of the micro credential if, at a time during the micro credential determined under subsection (3),

- a) the student withdraws from the micro credential after the micro credential has commenced; or
- b) the student is expelled from the micro credential in circumstances where the expulsion is permitted under the private career college's expulsion policy. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (1).

(2) This section does not apply to vocational micro credentials described in sections 28 and 29. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (2).

(3) A private career college shall pay a partial refund under this section only if the withdrawal or expulsion from the vocational micro credential occurs at a time during the micro credential determined in accordance with the following rules:

1. In the case of a vocational micro credential that is less than 12 months in duration, the withdrawal or expulsion occurs during the first half of the micro credential.
2. In the case of a vocational micro credential that is 12 months or more in duration,
  - i. for the first 12 months in the duration of the micro credential and for every subsequent full 12 months in the micro credential, the withdrawal or expulsion occurs during the first six months of that 12-month period, and
  - ii. for any period in the duration of the vocational micro credential remaining after the last 12-month period referred to in subparagraph i has elapsed, the withdrawal or expulsion occurs in the first half of the period. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (3).

(4) If the student withdraws or is expelled from a vocational micro credential within the first half of a period referred to in subsection (3), the amount of the refund that the private career college shall pay the student shall be equal to the full amount of the fees paid in respect of the micro credential less,

- a) an amount that is equal to the lesser of 20 per cent of the full amount of the fees in respect of the micro credential and \$500; and
- b) the portion of the fees in respect of the portion of the period that had elapsed at the time of the withdrawal or expulsion. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (4).

(5) If the student withdraws or is expelled from a vocational micro credential during the second half of a period referred to in subsection (3), the private career college is not required to pay the student any refund in respect of that period. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (5).

(6) A private career college shall refund the full amount of fees paid in respect of a period that had not yet commenced at the time of the withdrawal or expulsion. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 27 (6).

### **No Retention of Refund**

30. A private career college shall not retain, by way of deduction or set-off, any refund of fees payable to a student under sections 25 to 29 in order to recover an amount owed by the student in respect of any service or micro credential other than a vocational micro credential offered by the private career college. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 30.

### **Treatment of Books and Equipment**

31. In calculating a refund under sections 25 to 29, a private career college may retain the retail cost of books or equipment that the private career college supplied to the student if the student,

- a) fails to return the books or equipment to the private career college within 10 days of the student's withdrawal or expulsion from the micro credential; or
- b) returns the books or equipment to the private career college within the 10-day period referred to in clause (a), but fails to return it unopened or in the same state it was in when supplied. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 31.

### **Refund for International Students**

32. A notice to a private career college that is provided by or on behalf of an international student or of a prospective international student and that states that the student has not been issued a temporary resident visa as a member of the student class under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) is deemed to be,

- a) notice of a rescission of the contract for the purposes of section 36 of the Act if the notice is given within two days of receiving a copy of the contract; and
- b) notice that the student is withdrawing from the micro credential for the purposes of paragraph 1 of subsection 26 (1) or clause 29 (2) (a) if the notice is received on or before half of the duration of the micro credential has elapsed. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 32.

### **Currency**

33. Any refund of fees that a private career college is required to pay under the Act shall be paid in Canadian dollars. O. Reg. 415/06, s. 33.

34. Please note that bank charges may apply for refunds processed by bank transfer or by international payment platforms (e.g., PayMyTuition).