

MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION - Students in Maritime universities see tuition fees rise

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According to figures released today by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, tuition fees paid by undergraduate arts and science students in Maritime universities in 2013-2014 increased between 2.1 and 8.8 per cent over last year while the inflation rate was 1.3 per cent for July.

Commission CEO, Mireille Duguay, said: "For most students, the price of tuition and additional mandatory fees like student association, athletic and campus renewal fees are top-of-mind when it comes to adding up the costs of education. The tables released today by the Commission are a useful tool for students and their parents in working out some of these basic costs."

Maritime university tuition fees vary by institution, now ranging between \$5,360 and \$7,270. The additional mandatory fees paid by students also vary considerably across universities, and in the Maritimes range between \$229 and \$1,108.

In New Brunswick, tuition fees range between \$5,379 and \$7,245, increasing between 2.1 and 8.8 per cent over last year.

In Nova Scotia, undergraduate tuition fee increases were capped by government at three percent, and fees range between \$6,000 and \$7,270.

In Prince Edward Island, tuition costs \$5,360, up \$210, or four percent from the previous year.

The tuition fees reported by the Commission reflect those advertised on institutional websites. Provincial tuition rebates and bursaries are not deducted from the tuition fees.

Three tables are available at www.mphec.ca.

The MPHEC was established in 1974. Since 1997, its mandate is to assist institutions and governments in enhancing the postsecondary learning environment. It achieves this goal through quality assurance services, the collection of data and the provision of statistics and research products, as well as financial administration and collaboration. The Commission is an arm's length organization accountable to the ministers responsible for postsecondary education in the Maritimes and its board comprises 20 members representing universities, the public-at-large, and the three Maritime governments.

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In New Brunswick, tuition fees range between \$5,379 and \$7,245, an increase of between 2.1 and 8.8 per cent over last year.

In Nova Scotia, fees range between \$6,000 and \$7,270, up by 2.9 to 3.0 percent compared to last year.

In Prince Edward Island, tuition fees increased four per cent over last year and now costs \$5,360.

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Commission CEO, Mireille Duguay said that the cost of tuition and other fees are top-of-mind for Maritime students and their families. The information now available on the Commission's website will help them work out some basic costs of education.