



Policy Principle

This policy principle was previously policy L04: Unpaid internships.

Renewed by the Board of Directors at the Policy and Planning Conference in August 2017 without any changes.

Policy L02: Unpaid internships

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WHEREAS internships and co-op placements have become an integral part of many postsecondary programs and a first step into the labour force, with 55% of graduating students across Canada completing a placement in 2009; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of clarity surrounding the application of New Brunswick's *Employment Standards Acts* with regard to interns; and

WHEREAS the average debt of New Brunswick postsecondary students graduating with debt is \$35,200;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance advocate that the provincial government amend the New Brunswick *Employment Standards Act* to clarify that interns require compensation including, but not limited to, academic credit or remuneration equivalent to, at minimum, the provincial minimum wage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Brunswick Student Alliance advocate that the provincial government enforce provincial labour laws to ensure fair treatment and compensation of interns.