



Student Retention

Policy Position #03

This Policy Position was approved by the Board of Directors on 12/02/2018.

WHEREAS Nova Scotia's prime university age cohort is declining and recruitment of future out-of-province and international enrolment is unpredictable;

WHEREAS Nova Scotia has experienced decades of net negative interprovincial migration, especially of individuals under the age of 30;

WHEREAS attachment to the labour market and remuneration proportionate with skills and knowledge is fundamental to many students' and graduates' decisions to settle in Nova Scotia for the long-term;

WHEREAS having post-secondary credentials generally provides a competitive advantage to Nova Scotia job seekers, yet recent graduates under age 25 continue to have difficulty attaching to the labour market;

WHEREAS policies, programs, and services in post-secondary education should meet student expectations to help prepare them for lifelong success, including in their citizenship, careers, and personal wellbeing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Students Nova Scotia advocate for increased investment in programs and incentives that generate meaningful student and graduate employment opportunities in the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Students Nova Scotia advocate to increase spending on programs and services that connect students and youth to careers in Nova Scotia, including wage subsidies and/or tax breaks to employers hiring students, youth, or recent graduates.

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