

TUITION FEE REFUND POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF VAASA

Tuition fees may be refunded in the following situations:

A. Negative residence permit decision

If a student receives a negative residence permit decision that prevents them from arriving in Finland or continuing their studies. The application must include the negative decision from the Finnish Immigration Service (Migri). The student is not entitled to a refund if the decision is based on contradictory, unconvincing, or fraudulent financial documentation or other documents or circumstances that the student should have been aware of.

- Refunds for the autumn semester or the full academic year must be applied for by 31st of December.
- Refunds for the spring semester must be applied for by 31st of July.
- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted from the refund.

B. Change in the residence permit or citizenship

If the student obtains a residence permit or citizenship that exempts them from tuition fees the application must include a copy of the new residence permit card or, in the case of a change in citizenship, a passport or ID card, submitted by the registration deadline.

- If the change occurs before the autumn semester registration deadline (15th of September), the full tuition fee will be refunded.
- If the change occurs before the spring semester registration deadline (31st January), the spring semester portion will be refunded.
- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted in both cases.

C. Non-attendance

If the student has already paid the tuition fee but registers as non-attending by the registration deadline:

- The full academic year fee will be refunded if the absence is registered by 15th of September.
- The spring semester portion will be refunded if the absence is registered by 31st of January.
- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted.
- However, no administrative fee is charged if a first-year student changes their registration to non-attending due to parental leave, Finnish military service or their own illness/injury based on Section 39, subsection 3 of the Universities Act.

D. Graduation

If the student has paid the full academic year fee but graduates during the first semester, the tuition fee for the second semester will be refunded.

- No administrative fee is charged in this case.

E. Conditional admission not fulfilled

If a conditionally admitted student fails to meet the admission requirements by the deadline and their study right is cancelled, the tuition fee will be fully refunded.

- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted.

F. Renunciation of study right

If the student formally renounces the study right during the registration period:

- If the withdrawal occurs by 15th of September (autumn semester), the full tuition fee will be refunded.
- If the withdrawal occurs by 31st of January (spring semester), the spring semester portion will be refunded.
- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted in both cases.

G. Programme not offered

If the university is unable to offer the degree programme the student was admitted to

- No administrative fee is charged.

H. Discretionary cases

In other exceptional cases beyond the student's control, e.g., reasons mentioned in Section 39, Subsection 3 of the Universities Act (parental leave, Finnish military service or student's own illness/injury), In these situations, the student may contact the Admissions Services.

- A €200 administrative fee will be deducted.

Refunds are applied for with a free-form application submitted to Admissions Services (tuitionfees(at)uwasa.fi) including all supporting documents.