

Update to the NWCCU Annual Dues Structure

The current annual dues structure has been in place over 15 years. It has 18 tiers, based on an institution's E&G (educational and general) expenditures and mandatory transfers, exclusive of medical school and hospital budgets.

The current dues structure does not accommodate the dynamic nature of significant institutional growth or the effect of inflation during this time. Because of this, the smaller institutions have moved up the tiers to the middle portion of the scale, while mid-sized institutions have moved to the upper end of the scale. This resulted in mid-sized institutions paying the same dues as the large institutions, creating a disproportionate burden on the smaller institutions.

The new structure, which has been developed with the help and support of the NWCCU Board of Commissioners, will become effective with the 2020-2021 fiscal year on September 1, 2020. President Ramaswamy has presented an overview of the new dues model at several venues. It has nine tiers distributed in a more equitable fashion. The dues are still based on the E&G expenditures and mandatory transfers, exclusive of medical school and hospital budgets. Under the new dues model, dues for many of the smaller institutions will be reduced, and dues for some of the larger institutions will be increased commensurate with their E&G expenditures.

The base rate is \$5,000 with increases based on the size of the institution as shown in the table below. Unlike in previous years, there will not be an automatic increase in dues each year; instead the Commission is committed to analyzing the dues structure every year and revising as only needed to accommodate any potential increases in expenditures.

Dues	E&G Expenditures
\$5,000	less than \$10M
\$10,000	\$10M-\$20M
\$14,000	\$20M-\$30M
\$17,000	\$30M-\$50M
\$19,000	\$50M-\$100M
\$21,000	\$100M-\$150M
\$23,000	\$150M-\$500M
\$26,000	\$500M-\$1,000M
\$30,000	more than \$1,000M

Under the new dues model, institutions will not be assessed fees for Ad Hoc and Special Reports and fees for up to ten Minor or Major Substantive Change Proposals per year. Any additional Substantive Change Proposals will be assessed appropriate fees. For details, please see: <https://www.nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-policies/dues-fees/>



Please note that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities utilizes the financial portion of the annual IPEDS report as the basis for the E&G expenditures for US institutions. Institutions must upload their most recent IPEDS data with their Annual Report. Canadian institutions must upload audited financials.

Definition of Educational and General Expenditures for Determining Annual Institutional Dues:

<https://www.nwccu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Definition-of-EandG-Expenditures-for-Annual-Dues.pdf>