



UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION - FEES

PUBLIC EDUCATION
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

Utah Code Annotated, Section 63J-1-504 states, “Each fee agency shall submit its fee schedule or special assessment amount to the Legislature for its approval on an annual basis. The Legislature may approve, increase or decrease and approve, or reject any fee submitted to it by a fee agency.”

This issue brief details the fees approved for FY 2016 and the fees proposed by the Utah State Office of Education for FY 2017 along with a brief analysis of the proposed change. This interim, all appropriations subcommittees have been tasked with reviewing fees charged by state agencies and evaluate which fees should continue, be altered, or eliminated. The fee schedule below is provided to assist in this review.

STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION FEES

	FY 2016 Appropriated	FY 2017 Proposed
State Office of Education		
Board and Administration		
Indirect Cost Pool		
Restricted Funds		
USOE percentage of personal service costs	10%	10%
Unrestricted Funds		
USOE percentage of personal service costs	18%	22%
Teaching and Learning		
Conference of Professional Development Registration	50.00	50.00
Educator Licensing Professional Practices		
Teacher Licensure		
Level I		
Level I	40.00	40.00
Utah University Recommended (3 Yrs)	40.00	40.00
Student License	20.00	20.00
Out of State Application	75.00	75.00
District/Charter License	50.00	50.00
One Year Extension	25.00	25.00
Career and Technology Education	40.00	40.00
Level Upgrade	40.00	40.00
Renewal		
Active educators	25.00	25.00
Inactive Educators	45.00	45.00
Returning Educator Application	35.00	35.00
Returning Educator Renewal Recommendation	15.00	15.00

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Endorsements		
Institutionally or District Approved	20.00	20.00
Individual Application	25.00	25.00
Duplicates/Replacements	10.00	10.00
State Approved Endorsement Program		
Application/Evaluation (State Approved Endorsement Programs)	35.00	35.00
Letter of Authorization Request	20.00	20.00
Alternative Licensure		
Application and Evaluation	75.00	75.00
Program Development and Tracking	300.00	300.00
License Recommendation	40.00	40.00
Finger Printing		
FBI & BCI	25.00	25.00
Utah professional Practices Advisory Commission	15.00	15.00
Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind		
Educational Services		
Instruction		
Teachers Aide	11.58	11.58
Student Education Services Aide	26.15	26.15
Educator	58.86	58.86
After-School Program	30.00	30.00
Pre-School Monthly Tuition	75.00	75.00
Out-of-State Tuition	50,600.00	50,600.00
Support Services		
Instruction		
Educational Interpreter	36.31	36.31
Support Services		
Educator	58.86	58.86
Conference Attendance		
Educator - Conference Attendance Fee	100.00	100.00
Parent - Conference Attendance Fee	25.00	25.00
Adult Lunch Tickets	2.00	2.00
Copy & Fax Machine		
Fax Machine	1.00	1.00
Copy Machine		
Color	1.00	1.00
Black/White	0.10	0.10
Athletic (per sport)	100.00	100.00
Room Rental		
Dormitory	19.00	19.00
Conference	94.00	94.00
Multipurpose	188.00	188.00

ANALYSIS

As illustrated in the table above, the proposed fees for FY 2017 match what was appropriated in FY 2016 except for the percentage of personal service costs for the USOE from unrestricted funds which is proposed to be increased; 22 percent from 18 percent. The USOE further proposes that language be added to the indirect cost pool fees to state “up to” in front of the percentage. Thus, instead of reading 22 percent of personal service costs, the change would mean the fee would read up to 22 percent of personal service costs for the USOE could come from unrestricted funds.

This change would allow the Legislature to set a maximum percent the USOE could charge for the indirect cost pool and it would give the State Office of Education the ability to adjust the rate entities are being charged as needed. For example, in FY 2014 USOR (and the USOE) was charged an indirect cost pool rate of 13.4 percent. Budgetary concerns at USOR along with changes in the calculation of the indirect cost pool rate for USOR (including previously excluded salary and benefits in the calculation) led USOR to request a rate reduction which was granted. For FY 2016 USOR pays a rate of about 5 percent while the USOE pays a rate of about 19.9 percent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Legislature may wish to consider the following:

- Change the Indirect Cost Pool rate for Unrestricted Funds for the USOE from 18 to 22 percent.
- Add “up to” after “USOE percentage of personal service costs” for both the “Restricted Funds” and “Unrestricted Funds” rate.