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**Subject:** UPDATE: Directive on the Costs of Educational Materials under the MTCU Act

*The following message is being shared on behalf of the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic.*

York University



Provost & Vice-President Academic

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to follow up on our communication last October about recent Government Directive issued by the Minister of Colleges and Universities that aims to improve consistency across the sector in publishing educational costs for students. Specifically, this Directive requires the university to “ensure that students are informed of the costs of all text books and other learning materials that are mandatory and optional in the course syllabus for each course.”

As indicated in our October 2024 communication, at minimum, the directive indicates that the following information should be provided in the syllabus:

- Each textbook or other learning material should be individually costed. In the event that the cost for the current year is not available at the time the syllabus is prepared, the most recent cost should be included with a note indicating that it may change; and
- Whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy of the textbook or other learning material.

**This requirement is effective for all courses as of January 2025** and will remain in effect until this MCU directive is revoked or replaced.

As part of the Government’s directive, the University is required to report on compliance. To assist in data collection on this topic, you will find a pop-up box as you enter your eClass site for courses commencing this fall. It will ask that you check one of two boxes which will read:

- I confirm that the costs of all learning materials are included in the course syllabus for this course, or will be included on or before the first day of classes.

- I do not confirm that the costs of all learning materials are or will be included in the course syllabus for this course. I acknowledge that I am not in compliance with the directive on the Costs of Educational Materials under the *MTCU Act*.

Please be sure to select a response to inform mandatory institutional reporting.

To help support instructors in providing the information required, I would like to highlight the essential role the York University Bookstore can play in helping you acquire the books and other materials needed for your courses as well as providing the associated costs. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Bookstore staff at [orders@yorku.ca](mailto:orders@yorku.ca).

For further information about the Bookstore and ordering course material, please use the following link: [https://www.bookstore.yorku.ca/site\\_faculty.asp](https://www.bookstore.yorku.ca/site_faculty.asp)

I sincerely appreciate all you do to support the learning of our students, and your understanding is greatly appreciated as we navigate this new requirement.

Sincerely,

David Peters

Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic

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