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7.4 INVESTMENT OF OPERATING FUNDS

ENABLING LEGISLATION + LINKED POLICIES

University Act

Powers of the Board

Section 27 (1) The management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the university are vested in the board.

Investments

Section 57 Subject to a contrary intent expressed in a gift, devise, bequest or trust, section 15 of the Trustee Act does not apply to investments made by a board of a university and each board:

- (a) may invest money belonging to the university and available for investment
- (b) must, when investing under paragraph (a), make investments that a prudent person would make.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to establish parameters for investment of operating funds such that the funds will be available for their intended purpose.

SCOPE

This policy applies to operating fund cash balances in excess of current requirements for investment in permitted securities.

POLICY

1. Operating fund cash balances in excess of current requirements may be invested in permitted securities.
2. Emily Carr University of Art + Design (University) will restrict investing funds to:
 - (a) Highly liquid, short term securities which are not rated lower than R1 by Dominion Bond Rating Service or A1 by Canadian Bond Rating Service.
 - (b) Permitted securities include: government bonds, commercial paper, term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates, banker's acceptances, and corporate bonds.
3. These securities may include the following:
 - (a) Financial instruments with a maturity of **up to five years** and guaranteed as to repayment of interest and principal by the Government of Canada or by any of the Provinces of Canada.
 - (b) Financial instruments with a maturity of **five years or less** and guaranteed as to repayment of interest and principal by the Government of Canada or by any of the Provinces of Canada.