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Update – Career Colleges of America

Information:

- Career Colleges of America lost their accreditation. Because the institution was approved (by the BPPE) by means of accreditation, once they lost their accreditation they also lost their BPPE approval to operate.
- The institution is continuing to work on arranging a teach-out which would allow the students to continue their education under the terms of their current enrollment agreement, as of January 15, 2014, no teach out has been arranged.

Students have options:

- Students may request a refund from the school.
- Students may wait a week or two in order to see if a teach-out is arranged by Career Colleges of America and approved by the United States Department of Education.
- Students may wish to transfer to a different institution to complete their educational program. Institutions approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education may be found at this link: <https://app.dca.ca.gov/bppe/default.asp>
- If students decide to transfer they may request transcripts from Career Colleges of America, South Gate location at 5612 East Imperial Highway, South Gate, CA 90280, Phone (562)861-8702.
- Students may choose to research other educational options such as other majors.
- Students may apply for reimbursement of their tuition through the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF.) The application for reimbursement through STRF may be found at this link: http://www.bppe.ca.gov/forms_pubs/strf.pdf
- Students may apply for federal loan discharge after the US Department of Education has officially closed the school (It can take up to two weeks for an institution to be officially closed in the US Department of Education database). Students, who have received federal guaranteed student loans and cannot complete their studies because the institution closes, may be eligible to have their loan(s) discharged. Loan discharges are not automatic with the closure of a school; students will need to apply for loan discharge. Students should contact their lender or the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-4-FEDAID or obtain more information, including a loan-discharge application, online at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>.
- Additional information for students may be found by clicking the “Students” tab on this website or by clicking <http://www.bppe.ca.gov/students/index.shtml>.