



Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education **Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting and Agenda**

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
9:30 a.m.

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Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 North Market Blvd., El Dorado Room Suite N-220
Sacramento, CA 95834

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Agenda

The public may provide appropriate comment on any issue before the Advisory Committee at the time the item is discussed. If public comment is not specifically requested, members of the public should feel free to request an opportunity to comment.

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda
Note: The Advisory Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a))
3. Review and Approval of August 27, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Remarks by a Representative of the Department of Consumer Affairs, which may include updates pertaining to the Bureau's Operations, Human Resources, Department's Administrative Services, Enforcement, Information Technology, Communications and Outreach, as well as Regulatory and Policy Matters
5. Bureau Operations Update and Discussion related to the following:
 - a. IT System Project Update
 - b. Licensing Update
 - c. Quality of Education Update
 - d. Compliance and Annual Report Update
 - e. Complaint and Investigation Update
 - f. Discipline Update

- g. Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) Update
- h. Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Update

- 6. Status Update and Discussion related to the following Regulatory Matters:
 - a. Unapproved Activity (California Education Code (CEC) sections 94886 and 94944; Title 5, California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) sections 75020 and 75030).
 - b. Catalog Requirements (CEC section 94909; 5 CCR section 71810).
 - c. Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications (CEC section 94890; 5 CCR sections 71390 and 71480).
- 7. Overview of the Sunset Review Process
- 8. Future Meeting Dates
- 9. Future Agenda Items
- 10. Chair and Vice Chair Elections
- 11. Adjournment

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9:30 am until completion of business



1. Welcome, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum

Members:

- Leigh Ferrin, Chair
- Tess Kraiker, Vice Chair
- Robert Boykin
- Kansen Chu
- Melanie Delgado
- Joseph Holt
- Robyn Smith
- Tracy Tambascia
- Michael Zimmerman
- Senator Angelique Ashby
- Assemblymember Mike Fong



2. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

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3. Review and Approval of August 27, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes





**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

**Department of Consumer Affairs
Hearing Room
1625 North Market Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

Kansen Chu
Leigh Ferrin
Joseph Holt
Tess Kraiker
Kevin Powers
Robyn Smith
Tracy Tambascia
Michael Zimmerman

Committee Members Absent

Robert Boykin
Melanie Delgado
Senator Angelique Ashby

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) and Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Staff in Attendance

Deborah Cochrane, Bureau Chief
Linh Nguyen, DCA Legal Counsel
Elizabeth Elias, Deputy Bureau Chief
Manila Vongmany, Deputy Bureau Chief
Yan Cao, Office of Student Assistance and Relief Chief
Daniel Rangel, Bureau Enforcement Chief
Ebony Santee, Bureau Education Administrator
Yvette Johnson, Bureau Administration Chief
Erik Casida, Bureau Compliance Chief
Renee Walters, Bureau Discipline Manager
Brian Vest, Office of Student Assistance and Relief Manager
Parker Strohmeier, Bureau Legislative/Regulation Specialist

Agenda #1 - Welcome, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum

Leigh Ferrin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda #2 - Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

No public comment.

Agenda #3 - Review and Approval of May 28, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Michael Zimmerman moved to approve the May 28, 2025, meeting minutes; Robyn Smith seconded the motion.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Vote

(Tess Kraiker: Aye; Kansen Chu: Aye; Joseph Holt: Aye; Tracy Tambascia: Aye; Michael Zimmerman: Aye; Robyn Smith: Aye; Leigh Ferrin: Aye)

The motion passed.

Agenda #4 - Remarks by Representative of the Department of Consumer Affairs

Judie Bucciarelli, DCA Board and Bureau Relations, provided an update on the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda #5 – Bureau Operations Update and Discussion

Update on the Bureau’s IT System Project

Jason Piccione, DCA Chief Information Officer, provided an update on the Bureau’s IT system project. He reported that, as of July 2025, data from the legacy IT system has been converted to the Connect platform. He added that following the migration of 25 years’ worth of data into

Connect, the project is now in a stabilization phase. He noted that this phase consists of improvements and fixes to the system. He added that maintenance to the system will continue indefinitely.

Mr. Holt asked about the mechanisms in place for gathering stakeholder feedback from system end-users. Mr. Piccione responded that, from an internal operational perspective, the stabilization phase contains an automatic and implicit feedback loop, as operational challenges are addressed on a weekly basis. He continued that once more features become available to external users, there will be efforts to gather targeted feedback from institution populations.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Complaint and Investigation Report

Daniel Rangel, Bureau Enforcement Chief for Complaints and Investigations, reported on the Complaint and Investigation Unit. He outlined Attachment 5(f).

Robyn Smith asked if students who file complaints against closed schools are referred to the Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR). Mr. Rangel responded that students in those cases are referred to OSAR.

Tess Kraiker suggested adding fiscal year totals to the Complaints Received and Complaints Closed charts in the meeting materials.

Mr. Holt asked about the increase in non-jurisdictional complaints received. Mr. Rangel indicated that he reviewed the increase and found no trend in the rise.

Ms. Smith requested that the next meeting include additional information explaining what qualifies as insufficient evidence.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Licensing Report

Manila Vongmany, Bureau Deputy Chief, reported on the Licensing Unit. She outlined Attachment 5(b).

Mr. Holt asked if Connect makes it possible to better analyze licensing application timeframes. He asked if the new IT system tracks when a licensing application is pending with an institution or with the Bureau. Ms. Cochrane responded that staff are still analyzing licensing application data manually but expect to begin using data from Connect in the future.

Mr. Holt asked if institutions may request to meet with Bureau staff for assistance in completing a licensing application. Ms. Vongmany replied that institutions can request assistance and noted that Bureau staff have met with institutions to help them complete their licensing applications.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Quality of Education Report

Ebony Santee, Bureau Education Administrator, reported on the Quality of Education Unit (QEU). She outlined Attachment 5(c).

Public Comment

No public comment.

Compliance and Annual Report Update

Erik Casida, Bureau Compliance Chief, reported on the Annual Report Unit. He outlined Attachment 5(d).

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discipline Report

Renee Walters, Bureau Discipline Manager, reported on the Discipline Unit. She outlined Attachment 5(e).

Public Comment

No public comment.

Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) Report

Ms. Cochrane introduced Yan Cao as the new Chief of OSAR. Ms. Cao provided an introduction of herself.

Brian Vest, OSAR Manager, reported on the OSAR Unit. He outlined Attachment 5(g).

Ms. Smith requested that future meetings include a report on the number of school closures and the number of students affected. She also asked if the closure of the federal Education Department (ED) San Francisco regional office has impacted the Bureau and if additional resources are needed. Ms. Cao stated that staff will work on a report indicating school closures and the number of students impacted. She added that the reduction of staff at ED has impacted the work at the Bureau. Ms. Cochrane responded that the loss of the San Francisco regional office has significantly impacted multiple units and operations within the Bureau. She noted that, even with additional resources, the Bureau could not compensate for the loss. Ms. Smith expressed concern about the timeliness of the ED establishing official closed school dates, as that is contingent upon students filing for student loan discharges.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Report

Yvette Johnson, Bureau Administration Chief, provided a report on STRF. She covered Attachment 5(h).

Mr. Holt requested that future meetings include a breakdown of how long STRF claim applications remain at each stage of the process.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #6 - Status Updates and Discussion on Regulatory Proposals

Parker Strohmeyer, Bureau Legislative/Regulation Specialist, provided a status update on Bureau regulatory matters. He outlined the Bureau Regulations Tracker in the meeting materials.

6a. Proposed Text for Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications (California Education Code (CEC) section 94890; Title 5, California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) sections 71390 and 71480)

Ms. Vongmany provided some background on approval by means of accreditation applications. She explained that letters provided by accreditors on behalf of institutions do not always include the full information the Bureau needs. She added that this process requires staff to repeatedly exchange information with institutions and accreditors to obtain the necessary details, which can delay approval times. She stated that, to address this issue, the Bureau is proposing regulatory changes. She concluded that the proposed regulatory changes will ensure the Bureau has the information needed to uphold state laws and will make the process more efficient.

Mr. Strohmeyer provided an outline of the proposed changes to 5 CCR sections 71390 and 71480. He asked the members for any comments or feedback.

Mr. Zimmerman suggested adding ownership percentage thresholds to avoid placing an excessive burden on institutions with many shareholders who each own only a small percentage. He also questioned the need to differentiate between diplomas and certificates. He noted that the two terms are often used interchangeably and that his institution and accreditor instead simply differentiate degree and non-degree programs. Mr. Strohmeyer agreed that the terms are used interchangeably and stated that both were included in the proposed language because some institutions and accreditors use only one term or the other.

Mr. Holt asked which accreditors the Bureau worked with when drafting the proposed language. Mr. Strohmeyer stated that the Bureau communicated with the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES), Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences (NACCAS), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). Mr. Holt expressed appreciation for the effort Bureau staff made to collaborate with accreditors in this process.

Mr. Holt suggested that the Bureau create a template that institutions can provide to accreditors requesting all the required information. Ms. Ferrin added that it could also be helpful to create other templates that include fields for required information that must be provided.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda #7 – Future Agenda Items

Mr. Holt requested that the Bureau provide an organizational chart at a future meeting.

Public Comment

One member of the public provided a comment.

Agenda #8 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

4. Remarks By A Representative Of The Department Of Consumer Affairs

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IT System Project



Licensing Update Q1, FY 2025-26

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FY 2025/26 Q1 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – PENDING APPLICATIONS

Application	Current Quarter			6 Months			12 Months			End of Quarter
	Received	Approved	Completed	Received	Approved	Completed	Received	Approved	Completed	Total Pending
New Full Approval	12	11	3	29	21	6	56	36	22	106
New Acc Approval	6	3	1	12	7	3	22	13	5	10
Renewal Full	7	31	6	15	37	14	50	68	21	44
Renewal Accredited	14	14	0	23	33	2	60	69	4	46
Changes Full	16	16	6	41	43	12	99	78	28	59
Changes Accredited	32	38	5	72	72	9	150	136	14	38
Verification of Exemption	88	63	39	171	126	54	306	205	85	40
Out of State Registration	12	1	1	21	10	1	41	28	5	23

Note: “Completed” applications include those that were denied, withdrawn, or abandoned.

FY 2025/26 Q1 APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES

Application	Current Quarter				6 Month Rolling Average		12 Month Rolling Average	
	Avg Days To Approve	Avg Days To Complete	Days to Approve Low	Days to Approve High	Avg Days To Approve	Avg Days to Complete	Avg Days To Approve	Avg Days to Complete
New Full Approval	626	737	395	1188	596	767	582	612
New Acc Approval	156	17	84	251	113	73	105	72
Renewal Full	473	698	73	1569	484	510	475	547
Renewal Accredited	399	-	55	945	327	750	284	446
Changes Full	128	250	8	347	159	262	171	314
Changes Accredited	105	223	9	558	102	377	94	269
Verification of Exemption	44	44	7	142	51	46	45	46
Out of State Registration	105	39	105	105	75	39	52	61

Note: "Completed" applications include those that were denied, withdrawn, or abandoned.

FY 2025/26 Q1 Statewide Population by Location Type & Approval Type

Location Type for Approval to Operate	Main	Branch	Satellite	Total
	855	305	324	1484

Approval Types Population	ABMA (Accredited)	Full (Non-Accredited) ^a	Conditional ^b	Out of State Registration
	371	484	0	139

^a 23 institutions with full approvals have provisional approval to offer one or more-degree programs pursuant to California Education Code section 94885.5.

^b Conditional approvals are issued for a period up to six months when an institution is in substantial compliance, but minor deficiencies exist (California Code of Regulations section 71400(d)(1)).

Licensing Workshops

- The Bureau offers online, interactive Licensing Workshops for Institutions to help them understand how to complete a first-time applications.
- Institutions may register on the Bureau's website:
https://www.bppe.ca.gov/schools/application_workshops.shtml

- FY 25/26

- Q1 Workshops

- October 21, 2025
 - November 18, 2025
 - December 16, 2025

Prior Workshop Dates	Location	Registrants	Participants
July 22, 2025	WebEx - Virtual	54	40
August 19, 2025	WebEx - Virtual	53	40
September 23, 2025	WebEx - Virtual	43	29

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Quality of Education Update

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Status of Institutions Granted Provisional Approval for Degree Programs

Includes provisionally approved degree programs authorized under CEC sections 94885(c), 94885.5, 94885.7

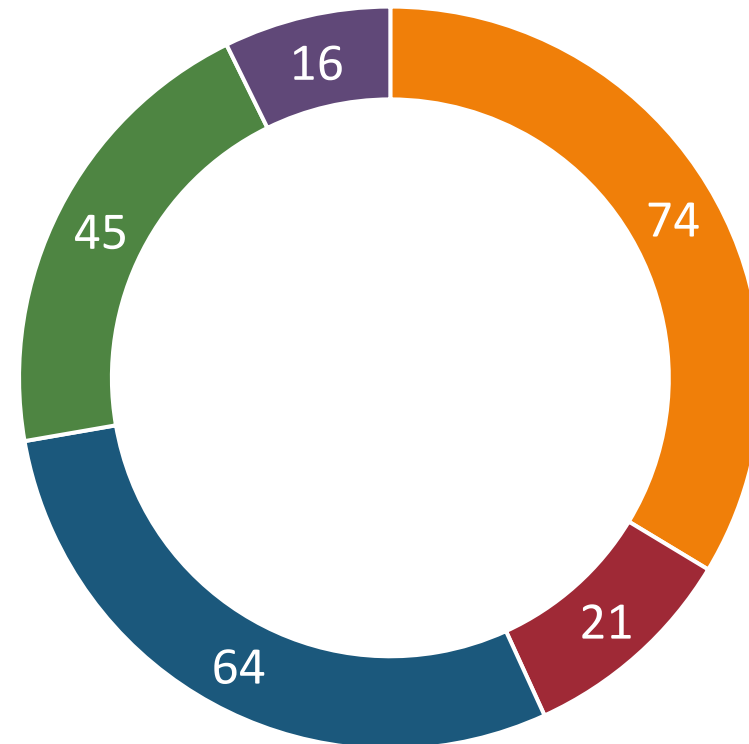
Outcome	Institution Count
Accredited	26
Closed or Approval Expired	15
Exempt	2
Surrendered Degrees	22
Suspended Degrees	12
Pursuing Accreditation	23
Total	100

Provisionally Approved Degree Program Outcomes

Includes institutions with provisionally approved degree programs that have concluded their efforts to obtain accreditation; excludes institutions still pursuing accreditation.

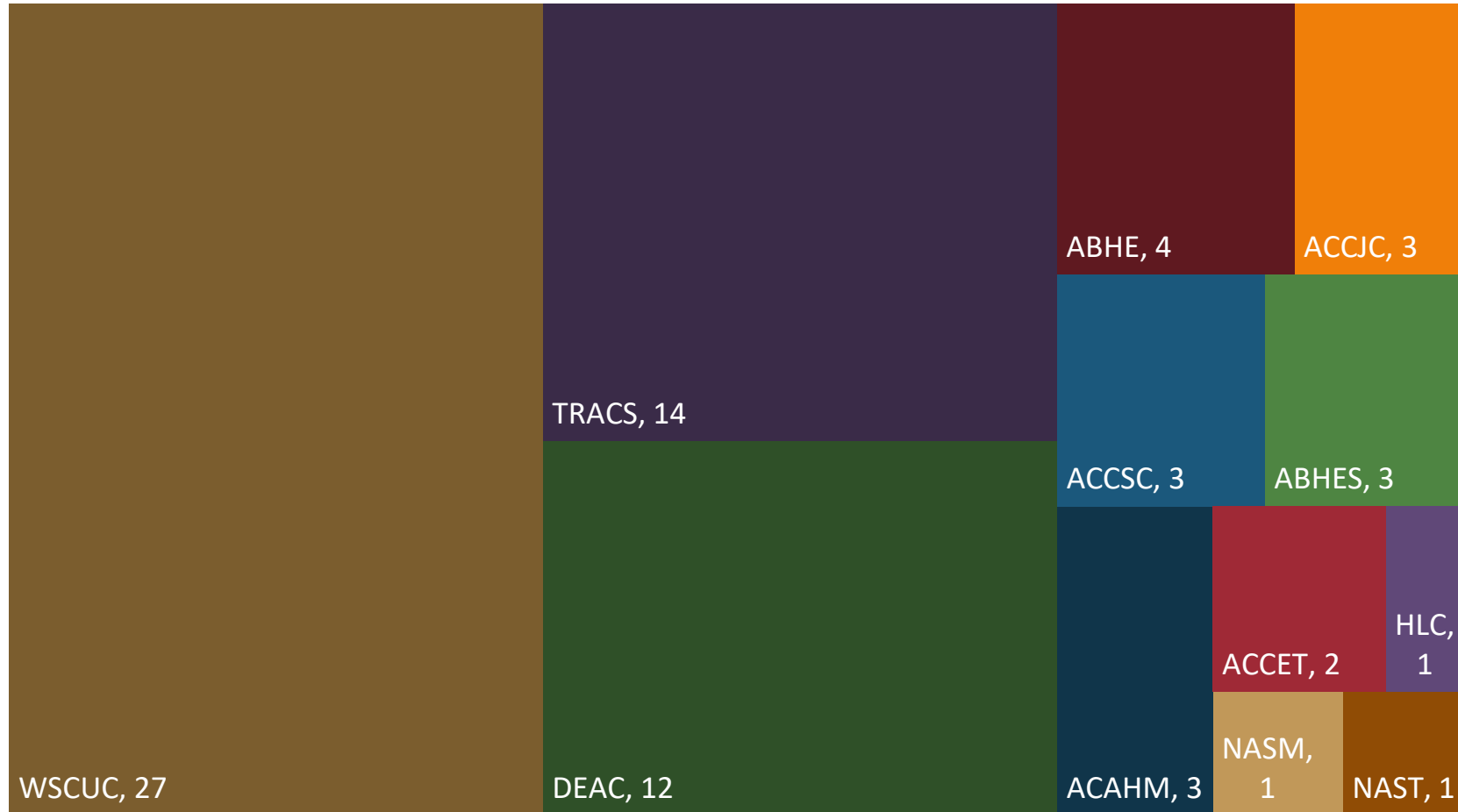
Total Institution Count: 220

- Obtained Accreditation
- Became Exempt
- Institution Closed
- Degree Programs Surrendered
- Degree Programs Suspended



Accrediting Agency Outcomes

Includes institutions that received provisional approval to offer degree programs and obtained accreditation



- ABHE: Association for Biblical Higher Education
- ABHES: Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools
- ACAHM: Accrediting Commission for Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine
- ACCJC: Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
- ACCET: Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training
- ACCSC: Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
- HLC: Higher Learning Commission
- DEAC: Distance Education Accrediting Commission
- NASM: National Association of Schools of Music
- NAST: National Association of Schools of Theater
- TRACS: Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools
- WSCUC: WASC Senior College and University Commission

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Compliance & Annual Report Update Q1, FY 2025-2026

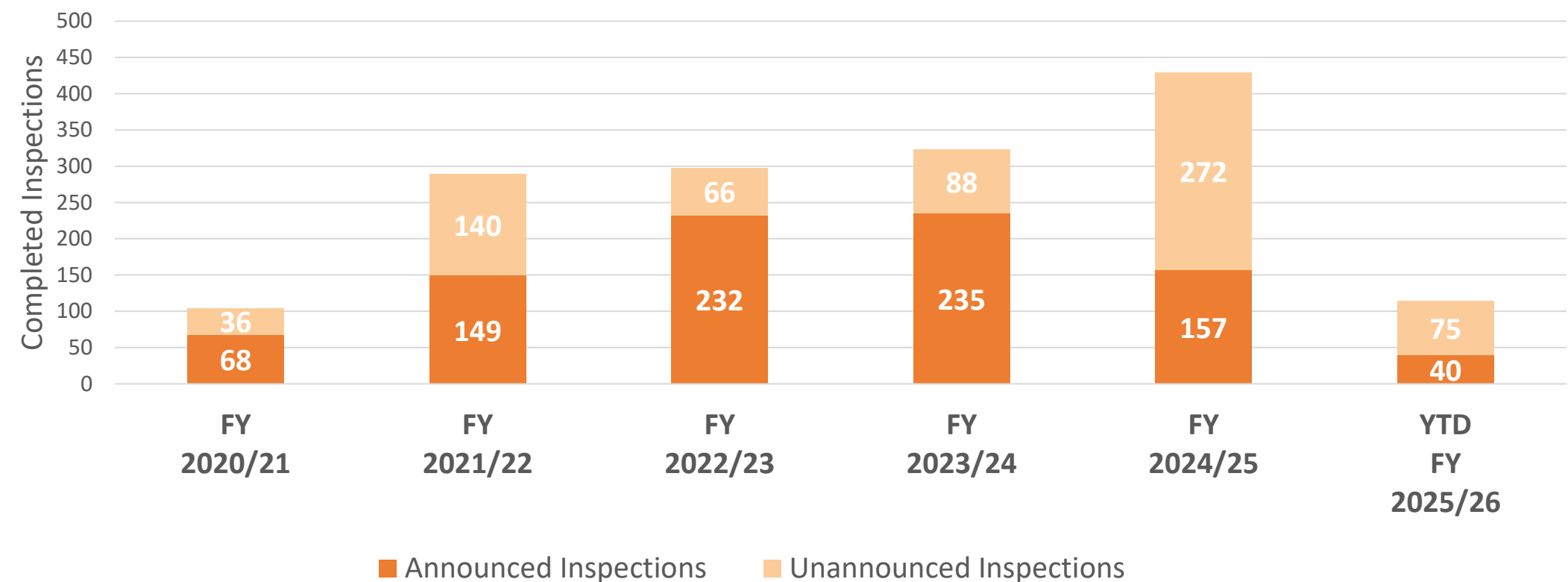
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Inspections

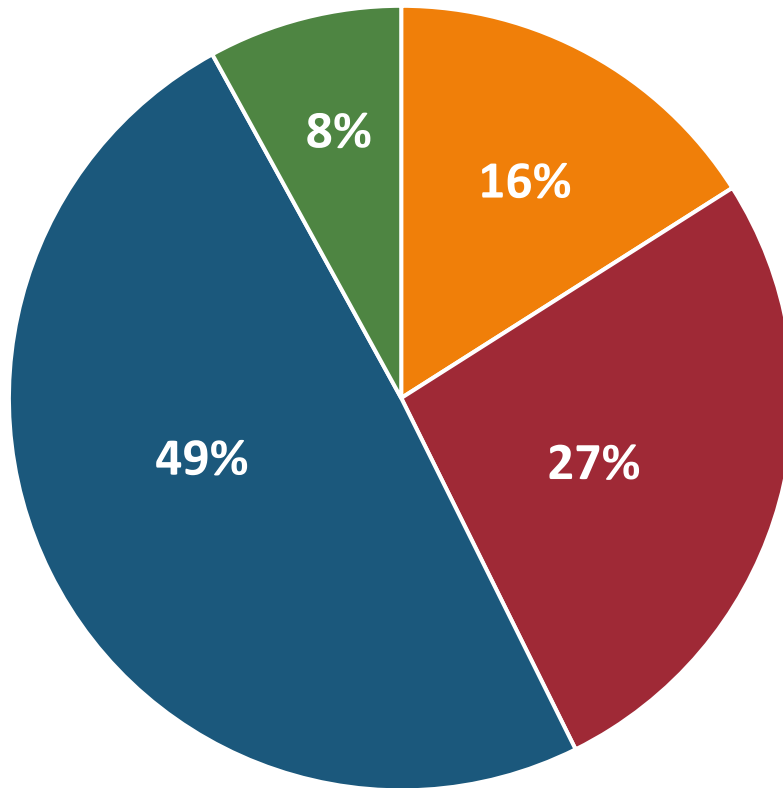
INSPECTIONS	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Total Inspections	289	298	323	429	115				115
Announced Inspections	149	232	235	157	40				40
Unannounced Inspections	140	66	88	272	75				75

Inspections by Type

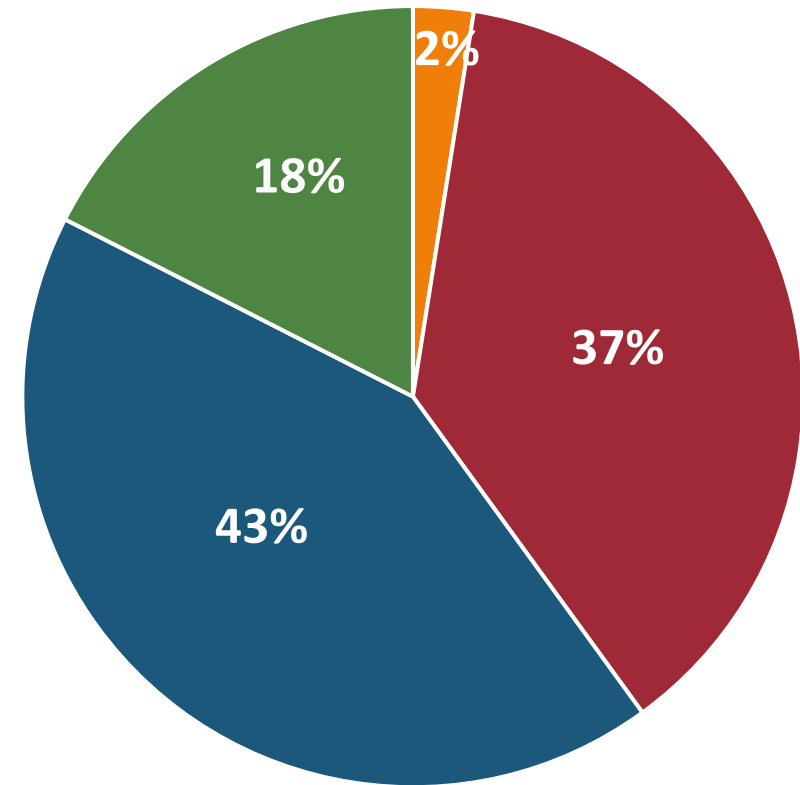


Inspection Results, FY 2025-26 – Total

Unannounced Inspections



Announced Inspections



■ Enforcement Referral (ER) ■ Notice to Comply (NTC) ■ NTC and ER ■ No Action Taken

Compliance Workshops

- The Bureau offers Compliance Workshops for Institutions to help them understand the Bureau's laws and regulations.
- Workshops are held monthly and are conducted in an online and interactive format.
- Institutions are encouraged to register online at the Bureau's website:
https://bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/compliance_workshops.shtml
- Upcoming Workshops
 - November 12, 2025
 - December 11, 2025

Compliance Workshop Attendance FY 2025-26 Q1	
Workshop Date	Attendees
July 2025	56
August 2025	62
September 2025	61

2024 Annual Report

- Portal opened on August 1, 2025
- Report due December 1, 2025
- Notifications were sent in July and early August to the institution's physical and mailing addresses on file with the Bureau, as well as by email to the individual who submitted the 2023 Annual Report.
- **Reminder: Any changes to a physical or mailing address, contact person, agent for process and/or custodian of record must be updated timely. If your institution has had any recent changes, please reach out to the Licensing Unit at BPPE.Licensing@dca.ca.gov to update your information.**

2024 Annual Report Components

➤ Report Submission Must Include:

❖ PORTAL

- Annual Report Data
- School Performance Fact Sheets
- Catalog
- Enrollment Agreements
- Graduate Identification Data

❖ MAIL – HARD COPY

- Financial Statements

School Performance Fact Sheet Workshops

- The Bureau offers School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) Workshops for Institutions to help them understand the Bureau's laws and regulations.
- Workshops are conducted in an online and interactive format.
- Institutions are encouraged to register online at the Bureau's website:
- https://bppe.ca.gov/schools/school_perf_workshops.shtml
- Upcoming Workshops:
 - November 21, 2025
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School Performance Fact Sheet Workshop Attendance FY 2025-26 Q1	
Workshop Date	Attendees
July 2025	40
August 2025	34
September 2025	35

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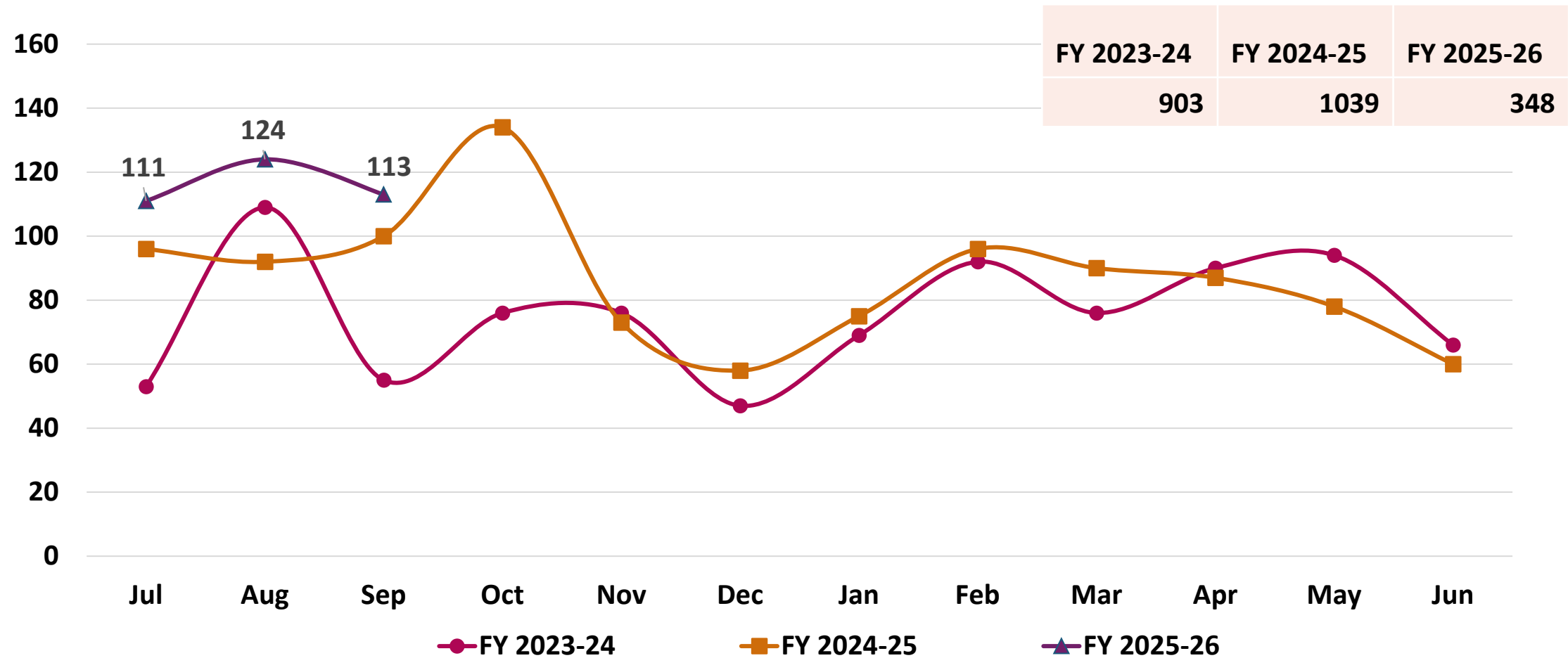
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Complaint and Investigation Update Q1, FY 2025-2026

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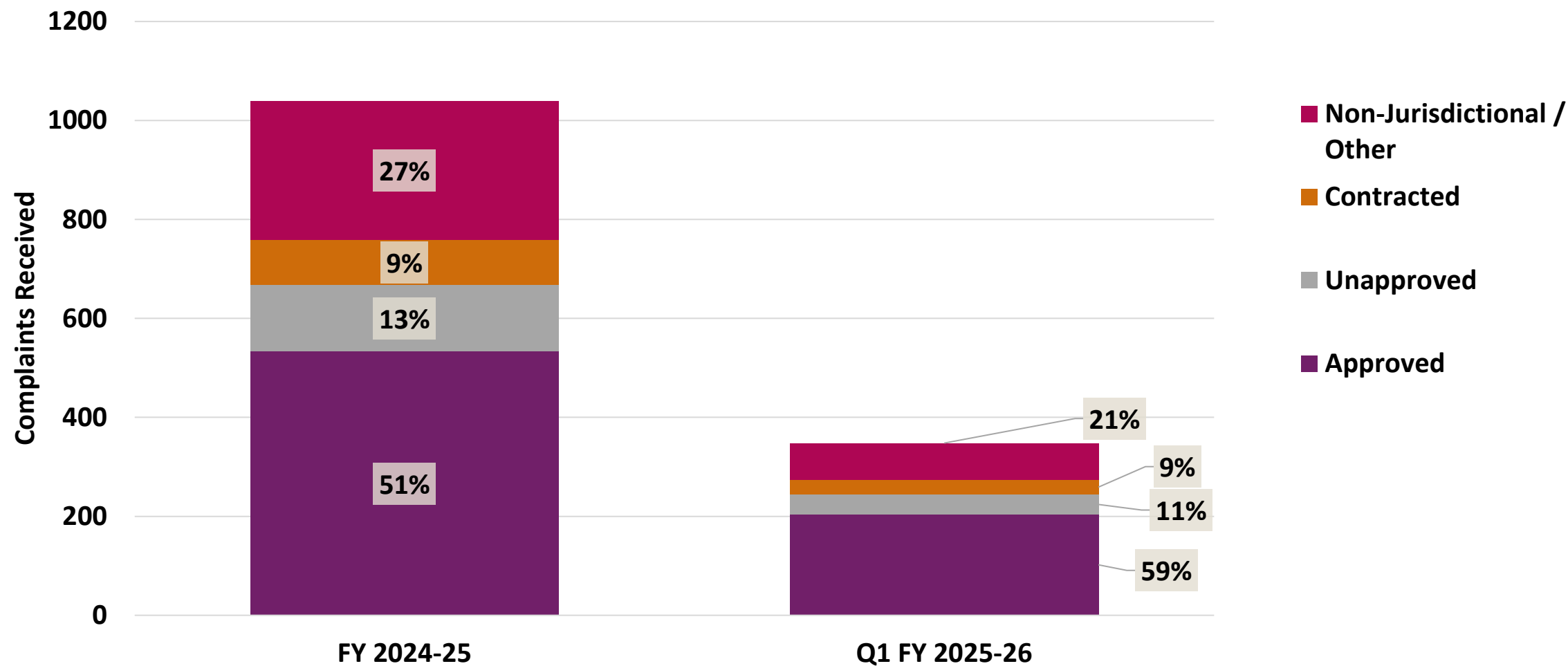


Complaints Received: FY 2023-24 to Q1 FY 2025-26

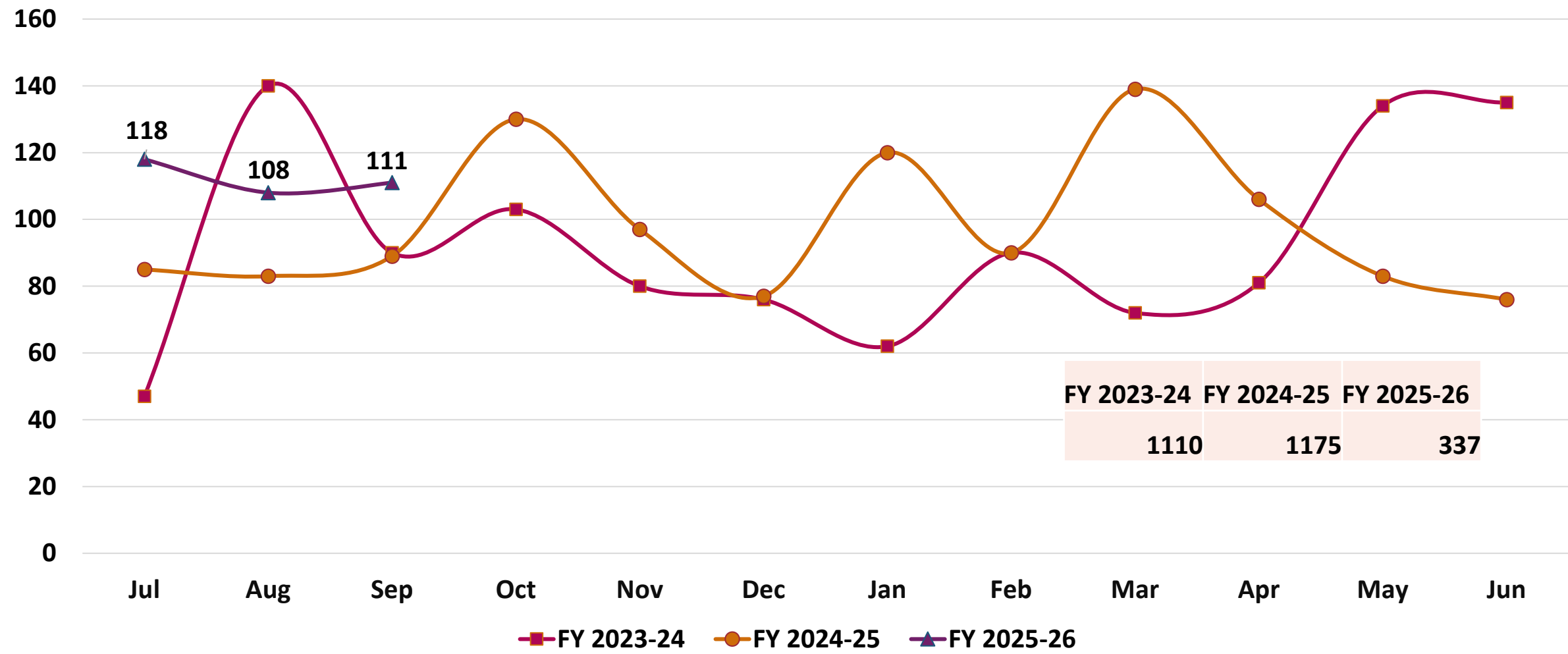


Complaints Received by School Status

FY 2024-25 to Q1 FY 2025-26

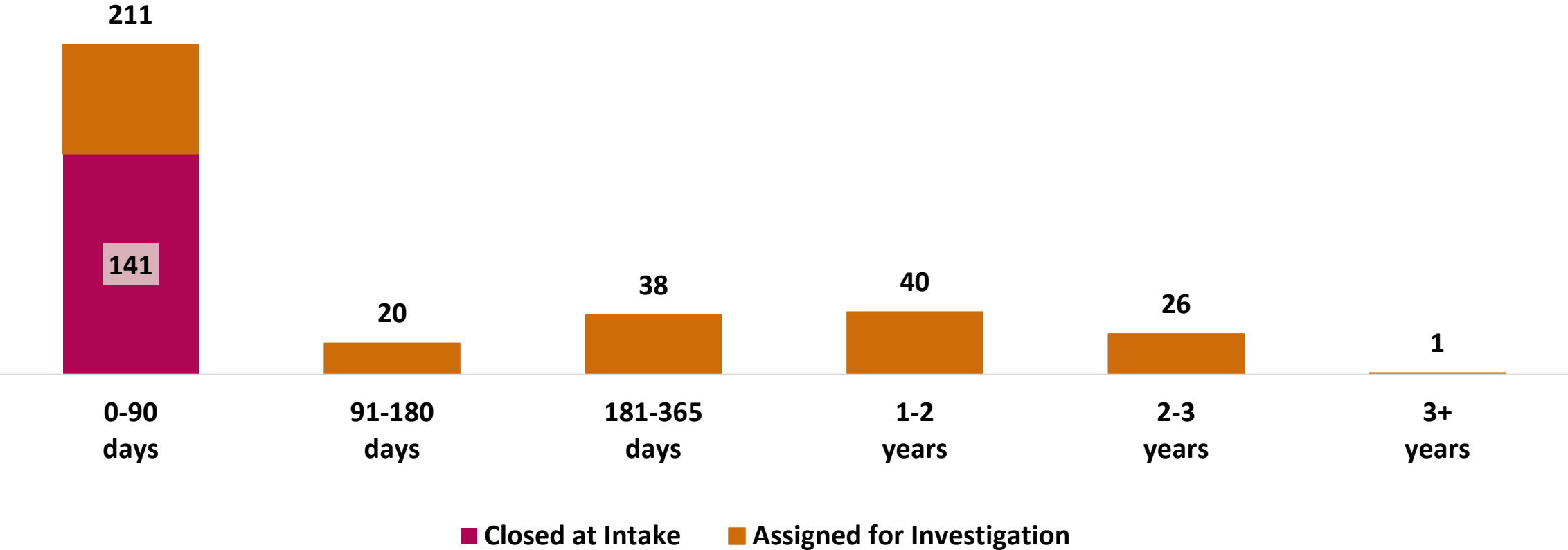


Complaints Closed: FY 2023-24 to Q1 FY 2025-26

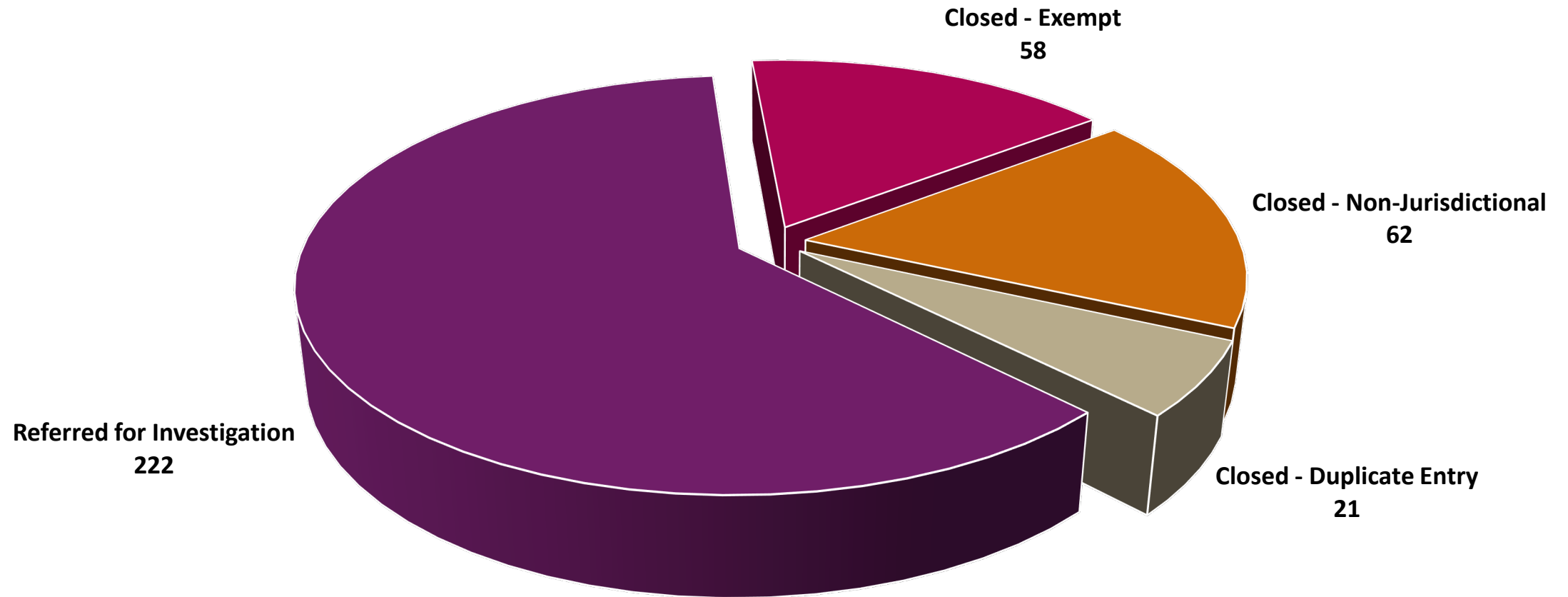


Closed Complaints

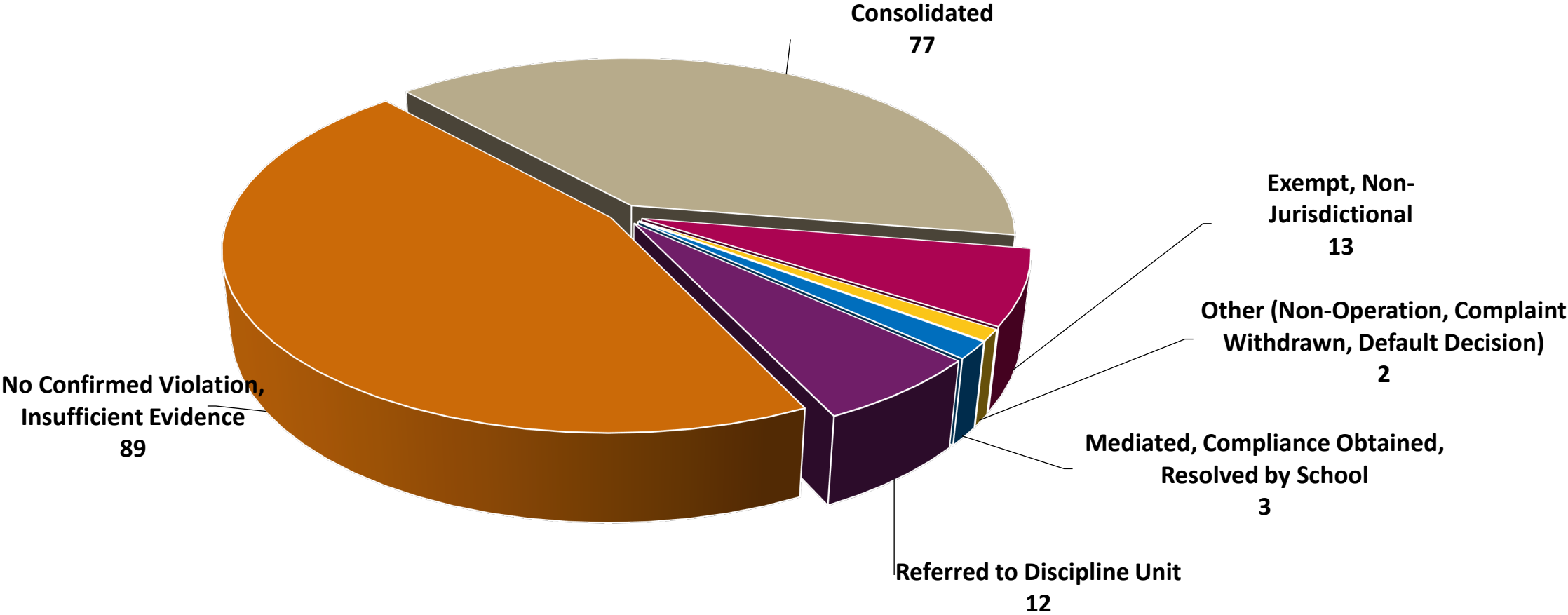
Days to Close (Cases Closed Q1 FY 2025-26)



Complaint Intake Outcomes: Q1 FY 2025-26

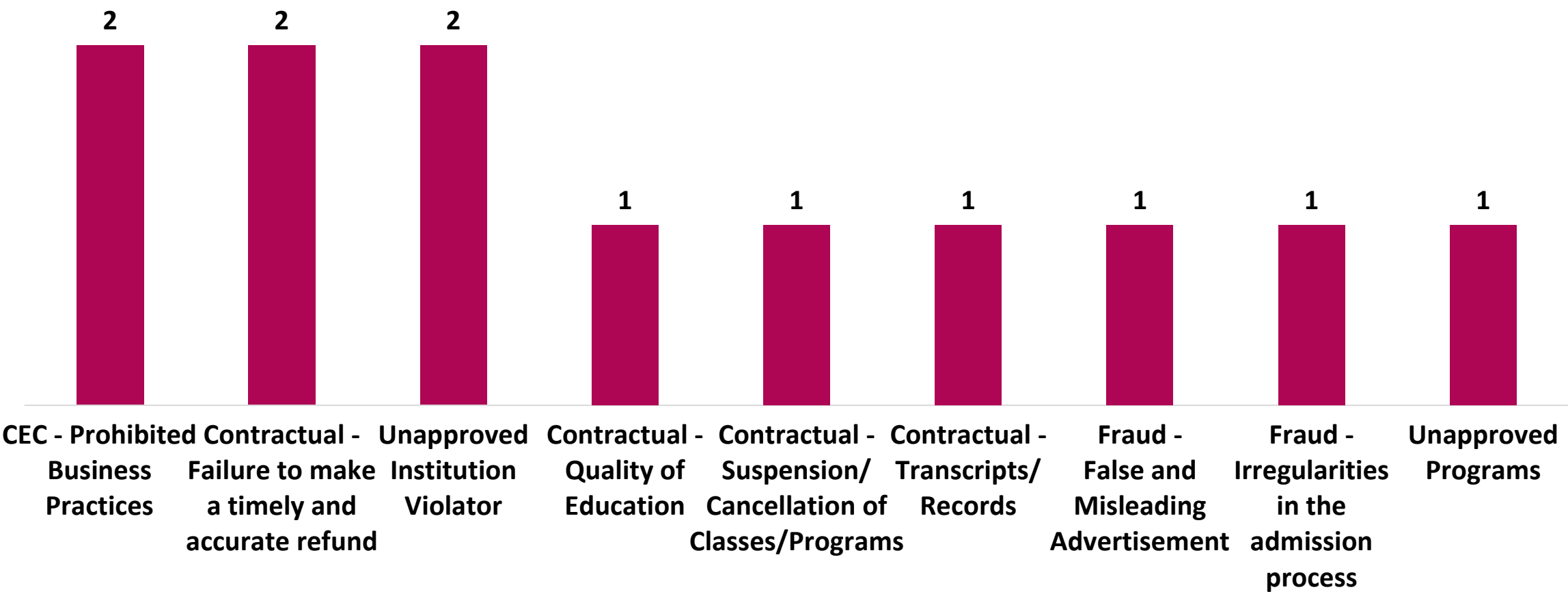


Investigation Outcomes: Q1 FY 2025-26

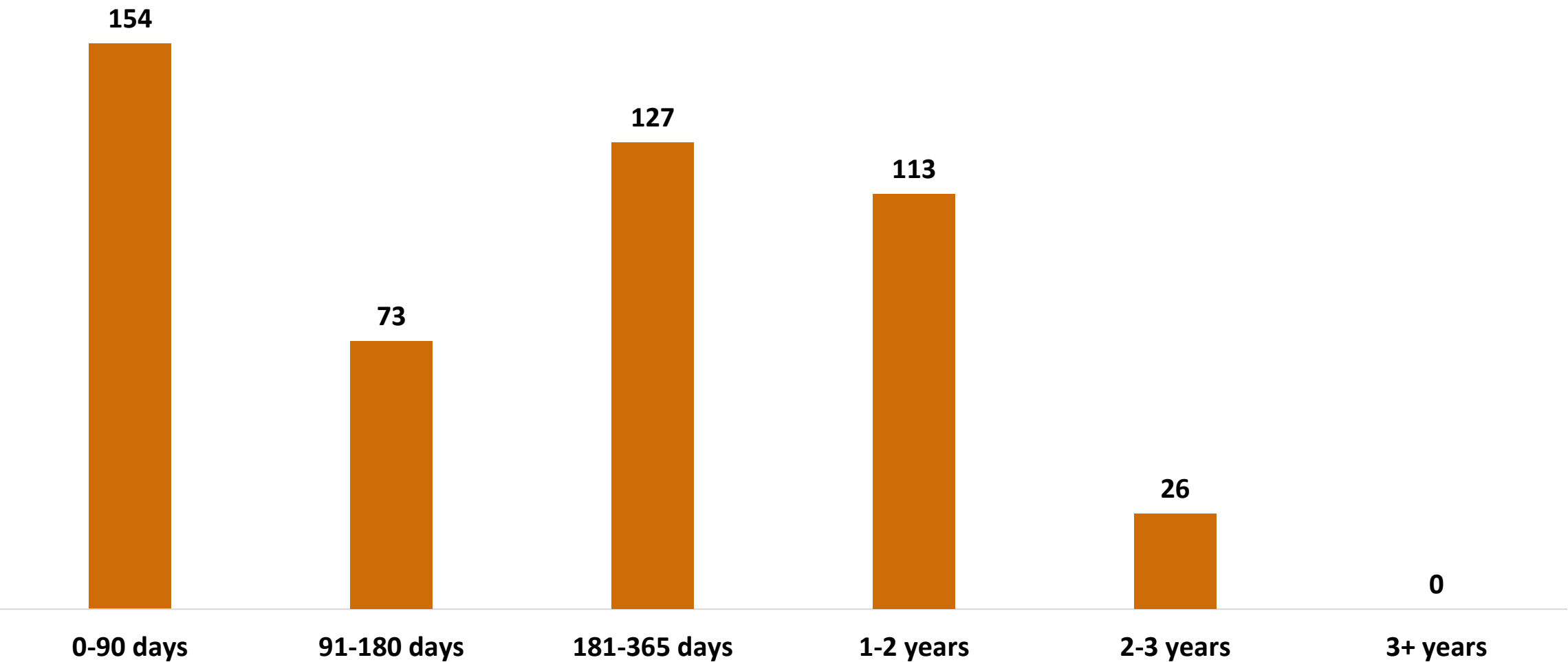


Discipline Unit Referrals: Allegations

Q1 FY 2025-26

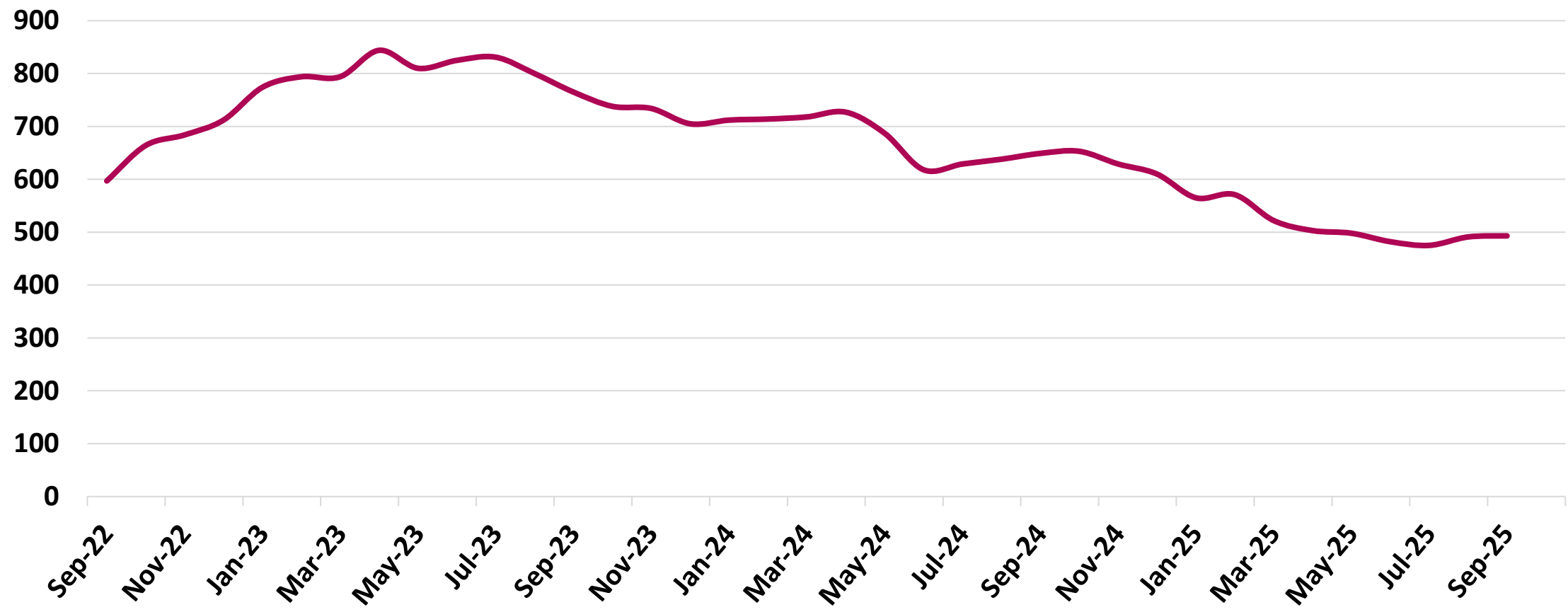


Pending Caseload Age, as of 9/30/2025



Pending Caseload Count

September 2022 - September 2025



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Discipline Update Q1, FY 2025-2026

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Enforcement Actions Resulting from an Accusation

Actions Taken	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25	FY 2025-2026				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Default: Revocation	7	5	1	8	1				1
PC 23	0	2	0	1	0				0
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Order to Comply	0	1	0	0	0				0
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Revocation	0	3	0	2	1				1
Rejected by DAG	1	1	0	0	0				0
Stipulated Settlement: Probation	0	1	0	0	0				0
Stipulated Settlement: Probation Extended	0	0	0	1	0				0
Stipulated Settlement: Surrender	2	0	1	0	0				0
Stipulated Settlement: Revocation	0	1	2	1	0				0
Stipulated Settlement: Public Reproval	0	0	0	1	0				0
Withdrawn By Bureau: Citation Issued	0	0	0	1	0				0
Withdrawn by Bureau: Violations Resolved	1	0	0	2	1				1
Total Actions Taken:	11	14	4	17	3				3

Enforcement Actions Resulting from a Statement of Issues

Actions	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Denial Upheld	2	3	0	1	2				2
Stipulated Settlement: Probation Extended	0	0	1	0	0				0
Withdrawn: Approval Granted (Mitigation Satisfied Deficiencies)	1	4	1	2	1				1
Withdrawn: Revocation of Approval to Operate	0	0	0	1	0				0
Withdrawn: Denial Upheld (Appeal Withdrawn by Institution)	2	1	1	0	1				1
Withdrawn: Exempt Institution	0	0	1	0	0				0
Withdrawn: Approval Granted (Citation Issued)	0	0	1	0	0				0
Total Actions Taken:	5	8	5	4	4				4

Additional Enforcement Actions

	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/2026				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Emergency Decisions	0	2	1	0	0				0
Automatic Suspensions	4	1	2	0	0				0

Open Cases at the Attorney General's Office Pending Disciplinary Action

As of 9/30/2025	Total Cases Transmitted (Number of Cases the Bureau has initiated Disciplinary Action)	Total Cases Filed (Cases Pending Adjudication and Public)
Accusations	19	12
Statement of Issues	12	6
Totals:	31	18

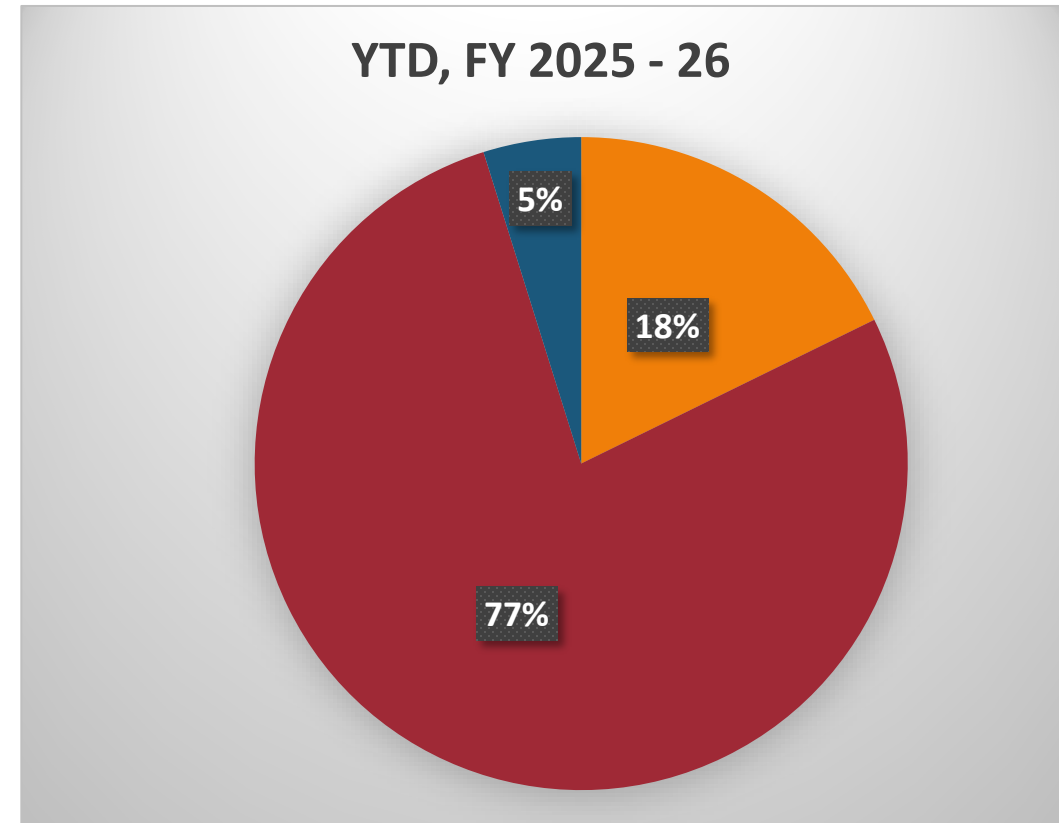
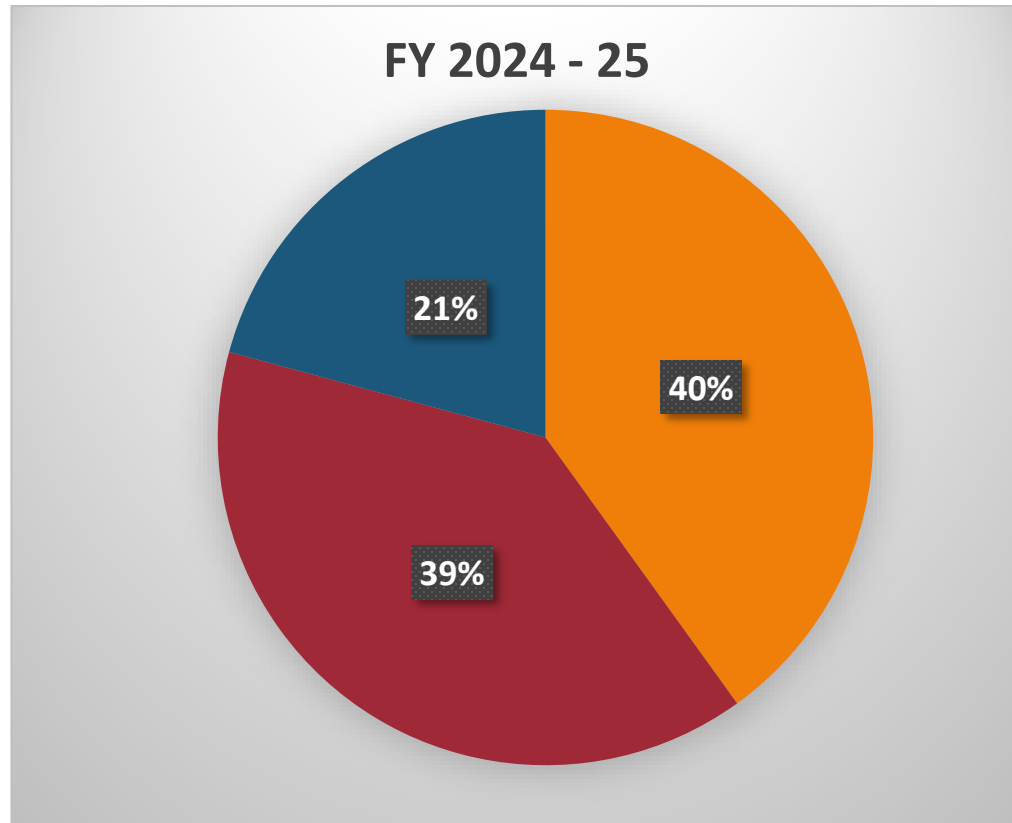
Citations Issued

	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Citations Issued	153	280	327	62				62
Number of Approved Institutions Cited	133	207	260	Quarterly numbers not provided due to duplication within the year				61
Number of Unapproved Activity Citations	11	24	50	Quarterly numbers not provided due to duplication within the year				1

¹Common Violations Cited

- Unlicensed Activity – An institution without Bureau approval to operate.
- Failure to submit annual fees.
- Failure to submit student tuition recovery fund assessments.
- Failure to submit the annual report.
- Failure to submit school performance fact sheets.

Citations Issued By Referral Type



■ Internal Administrative ■ Compliance Inspections ■ Investigations

Disciplinary Actions by Month

https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/disciplinary_actions.shtml



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BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS – JULY 2022

This notice displays Institutions who have had disciplinary actions filed and taken by the Bureau during July 2022. To view documents related to a disciplinary action, please follow the directions listed below:

1. Visit www.bppe.ca.gov.
2. Select [Enforcement](#) from the top menu.
3. Then select [Disciplinary Actions](#).
4. Find the Institution's name. Institutions are listed in alphabetical order.
5. Documents listed below the Institution's name include information regarding the cause(s) for violations and the disciplinary orders issued.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FILED	
Institution Name:	California Vocational Academy
Institution Code:	41462892
Case Number:	BPPE22-043
Date Filed:	July 14, 2022
Date Served:	July 15, 2022
Disciplinary Action Filed:	Accusation
Institution Name:	Deep Creek Construction School
Institution Code:	3604681
Case Number:	BPPE21-550
Date Filed:	July 20, 2022
Date Served:	July 27, 2022
Disciplinary Action Filed:	Accusation
Institution Name:	South Bay Massage College
Institution Code:	1936381
Case Number:	BPPE21-384
Date Filed:	July 8, 2022
Date Served:	July 8, 2022
Disciplinary Action Filed:	Accusation

Submit questions and/or comments to:

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Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) Update Q1, FY 2025-26

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Advisory Committee Meeting
November 5, 2025



Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Student Outreach Report

CHART A: INFORMED CHOICE OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Student Outreach Activity	Event Type	Event Date	Event Location	Total Students
California Transition Assistance Program Beale Air Force Base	Student Workshop / Presentation	7/8/2025	Yuba, CA	13
California Transition Assistance Program USCG Base Los Angeles/Long Beach	Student Workshop / Presentation	7/24/2025	Los Angeles, CA	12
California Transition Assistance Program Naval Base Ventura	Student Workshop / Presentation	8/13/2025	Ventura, CA	14
California Transition Assistance Program MCRD San Diego	Student Workshop / Presentation	8/26/2025	San Diego, CA	9
California Transition Assistance Program Travis AFB	Student Workshop / Presentation	8/28/2025	Vacaville, CA	21
California Transition Assistance Program – USCG Alameda	Student Workshop / Presentation	9/4/2025	Alameda, CA	24
California Transition Assistance Program – Fort Irwin	Student Workshop / Presentation	9/30/2025	Fort Irwin, CA	13
			TOTAL	106

Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Student Outreach Report

CHART B: STUDENT OUTREACH EFFORTS				
School	Outreach Type	Outreach Date	School Location	Total Students
Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine	Email	7/11/2025	Los Angeles, CA	58
Bethel College	Email	7/17/2025	Redding, CA	58
Reiss-Davis graduate school	Email	7/17/2025	Los Angeles, CA	32
1500 Sound Academy	Email	7/22/2025	Inglewood, CA	58
Healthcare Career Center	Email	9/24/2025	Norwalk, CA	14
High Impact Academy Inc	Email	9/24/2025	Wilmington	8
			TOTAL	228

Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Rapid Response Outreach

CHART C: CLOSED SCHOOL OUTREACH WORKSHOPS

Student Outreach Activity	Event Type	Event Date	Event Location	Total Students
Informational Workshop for International College of Cosmetology	Student Workshop	7/10/2025	Oakland, CA	14
			TOTAL	14

ICC: Profile of a Sudden Closure

- School closes mid-program; fails to provide required notice to BPPE or to students
- Students called OSAR to inform BPPE of closure
- OSAR and other BPPE representatives travel to the institution
- OSAR observed owner attempting to charge students for documentation
- With OSAR assistance, students have received refunds, including from card companies and STRF

Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Student Contact Report

CHART D: PHONE CALLS				
Call Category	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sept. 2025	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	47	46	37	130
Student Loan Relief Assistance	8	9	8	25
School / Program Closure Outreach	35	24	11	70
Informed Choice Consultation	1	3	4	8
Transcript Assistance	28	16	6	50
Other	22	18	11	51
TOTAL CALLS	141	116	77	334

Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Student Contact Report

CHART E: EMAILS				
Email Category	Jul. 2024	Aug. 2024	Sept. 2024	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	101	85	65	251
Student Loan Relief Assistance	6	10	13	29
School / Program Closure Outreach	89	20	14	123
Informed Choice Consultation	19	11	14	44
Transcript Assistance	65	50	48	163
Other	29	14	17	60
TOTAL EMAILS	309	190	171	670

Office of Student Assistance and Relief: Student Appointment Report

CHART F: STUDENT APPOINTMENTS CONDUCTED				
Call Category	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sept. 2025	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	9	4	3	16
School / Program Closure Outreach	15	3	3	21
Other (Student Loan Relief Assistance, Informed Choice Consultation, Transcript Assistance)	2	4	1	7

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Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Update Q1, FY 2026

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Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

STRF Claims Received		
State Fiscal Year	FY 25 Q4	FY 26 Q1
Total Claims Received	89	87
Claims Received via Connect	76	81
Claims Received via Paper Applications	13	6

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

STRF Claims Approved		
State Fiscal Year	FY 25 Q4	FY 26 Q1
Amount	\$1,818,976.03	\$86,565.00
Claims Approved	103	6
STRF Claims Ineligible / Denied / UTC		
State Fiscal Year	FY 25 Q4	FY 26 Q1
Claims Ineligible	11	5
Claims Denied	2	69
Unable to Contact (UTC)	4	6
Total Claims Processed	120	86

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

Current STRF Claims as of 6/30/2025

Current STRF Claims ¹	
Analyst's First Review Complete/Recommendation Pending	114
Analyst Review	157
Waiting for Student Response	72
In Queue	498
TOTAL	841

¹ Current claim count does not include claims on hold pending external determinations (e.g., borrower defense discharges, litigation).

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

STRF Claims Pending Payment – State Controller’s Office

State Fiscal Year	FY 25 Q4	FY 26 Q1
Amount	\$736,978.91	\$0.00
Claims	41	0

STRF Claims Paid Amount

State Fiscal Year	FY 25 Q4	FY 26 Q1
Amount	\$1,746,457.62	\$1,278,416.91
Claims	99	73

STRF Current Balance as of 9/29/2025

\$33,097,617.15

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

Large Impact Closures (From School Closure to Current – Total Impact)

School	STRF Claims Received	STRF Claims Pending	Ineligible / Denied	Unable to Contact	Number of STRF Claims Approved	Dollar Amount Paid to Student/Loan	Dollar Amount Paid - Ed Credit (To New School)	Total Dollar Amount Paid
Heald ¹	528	145	147	121	115	\$900,866.79	\$38,071.96	\$938,938.75
WyoTech ¹	182	24	53	39	66	\$391,308.89	\$0.00	\$391,308.89
Everest ¹	605	119	179	140	167	\$645,363.91	\$0.00	\$645,363.91
Silicon Valley	1393	93	167	49	1093	\$19,670,374.59	\$0.00	\$19,670,374.59

¹ Heald College, WyoTech, and Everest College were operated by Corinthian Colleges, Inc. - "STRF Claims Pending" includes claims that are awaiting a decision on their Federal Borrower Defense applications.

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6. General Status Updates and Discussion on Regulatory Proposals



Regulation Tracker

Title	Status Summary	ACM (text only)	DCA	Agency	Public Comment (full package)	OAL	Final
Minimum Operating Standards: Refund Policies	Submitted to OAL	2/7/2024, 5/28/2025	3/20/2024, 10/10/2024, 12/24/2024, 8/13/2025	12/31/2024, 10/2/2025	2/14/2025- 4/1/2025, 7/17/2025- 7/31/2025	10/6/2025	
Minimum Operating Standards: Financial Resources, Statements, and Annual Report Filing	Submitted to DCA	11/8/2023	1/4/2024, 3/5/2024, 3/20/2024				
Unapproved Activity	Submitted to DCA	2/26/2025, 11/5/2025	4/24/2025				
Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications	Advisory Committee Discussion	8/27/2025, 11/5/2025					
Catalog Requirements	Advisory Committee Discussion	5/28/2025, 11/5/2025					
Minimum Operating Standards: Student Records	Under Development	11/13/2024					

6a. Unapproved Activity

California Education Code (CEC) sections 94886 and 94944;
Title 5, California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) sections
75020 and 75030



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PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Unapproved Activity

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1. Amend section 75020 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 75020. Issuance of Citations

(a) The Bureau Chief, or their designee, or the Director's designee, is authorized to issue citations containing orders of abatement and/or administrative fines pursuant to section 94936 of the Code against institutions approved under the Act that have committed any acts or omissions that are in violation of the Act or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

(b) The Bureau Chief, or their designee, or the Director's designee, is authorized to issue citations containing orders of abatement or administrative fines or both, not to exceed \$100,000 pursuant to section 94944 of the Code against persons who are without proper approval to operate as required under the Act. In addition, the citation may contain an order of abatement pursuant to section 149 of the Business and Professions Code that requires the unapproved person to cease any unlawful advertising and to notify the telephone company furnishing services to the cited person: (1) to disconnect the telephone services furnished to any telephone number contained in the unlawful advertising, and (2) that subsequent calls to that number shall not be referred by the telephone company to any new number obtained by that person. The provisions of section 75040 shall apply to this subsection.

(c) In addition to the requirements of section 94936 of the Code, each citation shall inform the cited institution or person that:

(1) If a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) is not requested, payment of the administrative fine is due 30 calendar days from the date of service, and shall not constitute an admission of the violation charged.

(2) If a hearing pursuant to the APA is conducted and payment of an administrative fine is ordered, the administrative fine is due 30 calendar days from when the order is effective;

(3) If the cited institution or person desires an informal conference to contest the finding of a violation prior to an APA hearing, the informal conference shall be requested by written notice to the Bureau within 30 calendar days from service of the citation;

(4) Failure to comply with any order of abatement within the time set forth in the citation, unless the citation is being appealed, may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Bureau; and

(5) The Bureau may enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure (beginning with section 680.010).

(d) Each citation shall be served on the cited institution or person, in person, or by certified and regular mail at the address of record on file with the Bureau. Citations served by certified and regular mail shall be deemed “served” on the date of mailing.

(e) The sanction authorized under this section shall be separate from, and in addition to, any civil, criminal, or other administrative remedies.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94877 and 94936, Education Code. Reference: Section 149, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 94936, 94944, and 94949.8, Education Code.

2. Amend section 75030 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 75030. Assessment of Administrative Fines

(a) Where citations pursuant to section 94936 of the Code and section 75020, subsection (a) include an assessment of an administrative fine, the fine shall be not less than \$50 or exceed \$5,000 for each violation. Each violation shall be classified according to the nature of the violation and shall indicate the classification on the face thereof as follows:

(a)(1) A “Class A” violation shall not be less than \$2,501 nor more than \$5,000. A Class A violation is one that the Bureau has, in its discretion, determined to be more serious in nature, deserving the maximum fine. A Class A violation may, in the Bureau's discretion, be issued to an institution that has committed one or more prior, separate Class B violations.

(b)(2) A “Class B” violation shall not be less than \$1,001 nor more than \$2,500. A Class B violation is one that the Bureau has, in its discretion, determined to be less serious in nature and may include, but is not limited to, a violation that could have resulted in student harm. Typically some degree of mitigation will exist. A Class B violation may be issued to an institution that has committed one or more prior, separate Class C violations.

(c)(3) A “Class C” violation shall not be less than \$501 nor more than \$1,000. A Class C violation is one that the Bureau has, in its discretion, determined to be a minor or technical violation, which may be directly or potentially detrimental to students or potentially impacts their education.

(d)(4) A “Class D” violation shall not be less than \$50 nor more than \$500. A Class D violation is one that the Bureau has, in its discretion, determined to be a minor or technical violation, which is neither directly or potentially detrimental to students nor potentially impacts their education.

(b)(1) Where citations pursuant to section 94944 of the Code and section 75020, subsection (b) include an assessment of an administrative fine, the fine shall not exceed \$100,000.

(2) In determining the administrative fine amount, the Bureau shall consider the following:

(A) Actual or potential harm to any consumer, student, or the general public.

(B) Prior knowledge of Bureau approval requirements, as demonstrated through the issuance of prior citations for unapproved activity, the granting of approvals to operate to the institution or any of its owners or managers or issuance of written notification from the Bureau about its regulatory authority.

(C) Recognition by the institution of its wrongdoing and demonstration of corrective action to prevent recurrence.

(D) Any explanation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the unapproved activity and any remediation efforts the institution took to correct the violation.

(E) Whether or not the institution cooperated with the Bureau's investigation, other law enforcement, regulatory agencies, or the injured parties, or any combination of these entities.

(F) The purposes and goals of this chapter and other matters as may be appropriate.

(3) The administrative fine is separate and not inclusive of any amounts an institution is ordered to refund students who enrolled in the institution during a period in which the institution did not hold approval to operate.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94877, ~~and 94936~~, and 94944, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94936 and 94944, Education Code.

6b. Catalog Requirements

CEC section 94909; 5 CCR section 71810



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Catalog Requirements

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1. Amend section 71810 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 71810. Catalog

(a) Each institution shall provide a catalog pursuant to Section 94909 of the Code, which shall be updated annually.

~~(1) Annual updates may be made by the use of supplements or inserts accompanying the catalog.~~ If changes in educational programs, educational services, procedures, or policies required to be included in the catalog by statute or regulation are implemented before the issuance of ~~the~~an institution's annually updated catalog, those changes shall be reflected and dated at the time they are made in supplements or inserts accompanying the catalog or an updated catalog indicating the changes, which shall be clearly labeled and dated.

(2) If an institution's policies, procedures, resources or services vary due to multiple locations, each section in the catalog shall specify which location those policies, procedures, resources or services pertain to, as applicable.

(b) The catalog shall contain the information prescribed by Section 94909 of the Code and all of the following:

(1) The specific beginning and ending dates defining the time period covered by the catalog;

(2) A statement of the institution's missions and purposes and the objectives underlying each of its educational programs;

(3) If the institution admits students from other countries, whether visa services are provided or whether the institution will vouch for student status, and any associated charges;

(A) If the institution admits students from other countries, it shall disclose the name, office location, telephone number, and email address of the institution's Principal Designated School Official.

(4) Language proficiency information, including:

(A) the level of English language proficiency required of students for each educational program;

~~(B) and the kind of documentation of demonstrating English language proficiency, such as the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), that will be accepted by the institution; and~~

~~(CB) whether English language services, including instruction such as English as a Second Language (ESL), are provided and, if so, the nature of the service and its cost;~~

~~(5) Whether any instruction will occur in a language other than English and, if so, the level of proficiency required and the kind of documentation of proficiency, such as the United States Foreign Service Language Rating System, that will be accepted;~~

~~(6) The institution's policies and practices regarding any form of financial aid, including all consumer information which the institution is required to disclose to the student under any state or federal financial aid program;~~

~~(7) The institution's policies and procedures for the award of credit for prior experiential learning, including assessment policies and procedures, provisions for appeal, and all charges that a student may be required to pay;~~

~~(8) The institution's standards for student achievement;~~

~~(9) A description of the facilities and of the types of equipment and materials that will be used for instruction;~~

~~(10) A description of library and other learning resources and the policies and procedures for student access to those resources and the hours they are available;~~

~~(11) If the institution offers distance education, the distance education learning management systems used by the institution, and the approximate number of days that will elapse between the institution's receipt of student lessons, projects, or dissertations and the institution's mailing of its response or evaluation.~~

~~(12) A description of all student services, including the policies and procedures for access to those services and the hours they are available;~~

~~(13) The institution's business hours for the period covered by the catalog, including, at a minimum: Housing information including all of the following:~~

~~(A) the institution's primary administrative hours where records are available pursuant to section 71930, which shall be reasonably held so any person authorized under the Act may inspect the records, including whether records are stored or accessed in a digital format or at a location other than the institution's primary administrative location and; Whether the institution has dormitory facilities under its control;~~

~~(B) the hours the institution offers instruction. The availability of housing located reasonably near the institution's facilities and an estimation of the approximate cost or range of cost of the housing; and~~

~~(C) If the institution has no responsibility to find or assist a student in finding housing, a clear and conspicuous statement so indicating. A statement that the program is "non-residential" does not satisfy this subparagraph.~~

(14) Policies on student rights, including the procedure for addressing student grievances; and

(15) Policies on the retention of student records, which shall comply with section 71930(b).

(A) The procedures by which students may access their student records.

(16) If an institution requires internships or externships as a requirement for the completion of an educational program, it shall disclose those required internships and externships, including the distance, in miles, of those internships and externships from the institution or branch location, and any other requirements or limitations for successful completion by the student.

(17) If an educational program is designed to lead to positions in a profession, occupation, trade, or career field requiring licensure in this state, the institution shall disclose the location and distance, in miles, from the institution or branch location of any requirements for eligibility for licensure that occur at a location other than the institution or branch location.

(c) Institutions that include one or more courses in its catalog that do not meet the definition of educational program in Section 94837 of the Code and are not designed to lead to employment as defined in section 71710(b) must include a list of the programs to which the provisions of the Act apply, to be provided after the following disclosure:

“This catalog includes programs that are approved by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education and subject to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 and others that are not. Certain rights and protections outlined in this catalog, including but not limited to student refund rights, cancellation rights, and Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) eligibility, apply only to the following state approved programs:”.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94837, 94885, 94897, 94900, 94900.5, and 94909, Education Code.

6c. Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications

CEC section 94890; 5 CCR sections 71390 and 71480



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Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications

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Amend section 71390 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 71390. Application Form.

(a) An applicant seeking approval to operate by means of its accreditation pursuant to Section 94890(a)(1) of the Code shall complete an application with the requirements of this section.

(b) An applicant shall submit to the Bureau: ~~the form~~

(1) A completed application as required by subdivision (a) of this section;

(2) A certified copy of its current verification of accreditation granted by its accrediting agency, which shall include:

(A) The dates of the institution's term of accreditation;

(B) A complete list of the institution's owners, as defined in section 94851 of the Code, with their percentage of ownership as described in subsection (c)(3);

(C) A complete list of the institution's locations and their physical addresses, and;

(D) A complete list of the institution's educational programs that includes:

(i) Whether the program is within the scope of accreditation;

(ii) The level of degree awarded for each program, or if a program is a non-degree program, that the program is a diploma level program;

(iii) The required number of hours or credits for completion for each educational program, and semester, quarter, or trimester unit designations for degree programs, and;

(iv) The method of instructional delivery for each educational program offered by the institution.

(3) The appropriate application fee, as provided in Section 94930.5(a)(3) of the Code.

(c) The application for Approval to Operate for an Accredited Institution shall include the

following:

(1) The name, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, website address and institution or school code of the institution.

(2) The name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the institution contact person for the purposes of this application.

(3) The institution's owners, as defined in section 94851 of the Code, which shall include:

(A) The name of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code.

(B) The percentage of the institution that is owned or controlled by each person, as applicable.

(C) The name, title, email address, and physical home address of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code, who owns or controls 25% or more of the stock or an interest in the institution as defined in section 94852 of the Code.

(D) The name, title, email address, and physical home address of each general partner, officer, corporate director, member of the board of directors, and any other person who exercises substantial control over the institution's management or policies. For the purpose of this paragraph, a person exercises "substantial control over the institution's management or policies" if the person has the authority to cause the institution to expend money or incur debt in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in any year.

~~(A) For each address required, the institution shall provide a physical home address, and may request that the address, email address, and telephone number, of each person described in paragraph (3) be maintained as personal information.~~

(E) The federal employer identification number for partnerships or corporations, or the social security number for individual owners identified in the application pursuant to section 71130(a)(1).

(4) The name, physical address, and telephone number of the person or entity designated as the institution's agent for service of process by the applicant. The agent shall be at a physical address other than the address of the institution or any branch. The agent must confirm the information and acknowledge in writing that he or she is the designated agent for service of process.

(5) The name, physical address, email address, and telephone number of the custodian of records, and the physical addresses and telephone numbers of the offices or buildings where the records will be maintained. If records are stored at a location other than a physical address, the institution shall provide the location where the records are stored.

(6) A statement from any person identified in subdivision (c)(3) of this section who:

(A) Was found in any judicial or administrative proceeding to have violated the Act or the law of any other state related to untrue or misleading advertising, the solicitation of prospective

students for enrollment in an educational service, or the operation of a postsecondary school;

(B) Was denied any type of license on grounds set forth in Section 480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(C) Was adjudicated as responsible for the closure of an institution in which there were unpaid liabilities to the state or federal government or any uncompensated pecuniary losses suffered by students;

(D) Has stipulated to a judgment or administrative order or entered a consent decree involving any of the matters described in this section.

(E) Was convicted of any misdemeanor or felony as provided in Section 480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(7) An acknowledgment by the applicant that they understand that an institution approved by means of its accreditation shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Act and of this Division.

(d) The application shall be signed with original or digital signature and dated, and each fact stated therein and each attachment thereto shall be declared to be true under penalty of perjury, as follows:

(1) Signatories:

(A) Each owner of the institution, or each partner in a partnership, or

(B) If the institution is incorporated, the chief executive officer or president of the corporation and each person who owns or controls 25 percent or more of the stock or interest in the institution, or

(C) If the institution is a nonprofit corporation or a public institution, by the chief executive officer or president.

(2) The declaration shall be in the following form: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all attachments are true and correct.

(Date)

(Signature)

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94888, Education Code. Reference: Section 94890, 94943.5 Education Code, Section 480.2, Business and Professions Code.

Amend section 71480 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 71480. Renewal of an Approval to Operate for an Accredited Institution.

(a) Unless renewed, an approval to operate shall expire at 12 midnight on the last day of the institution's term of approval as granted pursuant to section 94890(b) of the Code.

(b) An institution seeking to renew its Approval to Operate pursuant to section 94890 of the Code shall ~~complete and~~ submit to the Bureau:

(1) A completedan application with the requirements of this section;

(2) Aa certified copy of its verification of accreditation granted by its accrediting agency, which shall include:

(A) The dates of the institution's term of accreditation;

(B) A complete list of the institution's owners, as defined in section 94851 of the Code, with their percentage of ownership as described in subsection (c)(4);

(C) A complete list of the institution's locations and their physical addresses, and;

(D) A complete list of the institution's educational programs that includes:

(i) Whether the program is within the scope of accreditation ;

(ii) The level of degree awarded for the program, or if the program is a non-degree program, that the program is a diploma level program;

(iii) The required number of hours or credits for completion for each educational program, and semester, quarter, or trimester unit designations for degree programs, and;

(iv) The method of instructional delivery for each educational program offered by the institution.

(E) An institution may submit an application for renewal of an Approval to Operate pursuant to Section 94890 of the Code while the institution's renewal of accreditation is pending from its accrediting agency. The Bureau shall not approve the renewal application before the institution's accreditation has been renewed by the institution's accrediting agency for the next term of accreditation.

(3) The appropriate application fee, as provided in Section 94930.5(b)(3) of the Code.

(c) The application for renewal of an approval to operate for an accredited institution shall include all of the following:

(1) The name, institution or /school code, and website address of the institution.

(2) The mailing address, identified either by physical address or by post office box number, telephone number and fax number of the institution.

(3) The name, address, email address, telephone number and fax number of an individual who will function as the institution's contact person for the purposes of the application.

(4) The institution's owners, as defined in section 94851 of the Code, which shall include:

(A) The name of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code.

(B) The percentage of the institution that is owned or controlled by each person, as applicable.

(C) The name, title, email address, and physical home address of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code, who owns or controls 25% or more of the stock or an interest in the institution.

(D) The name, title, email address, and physical home address of, to the extent applicable, each general partner, officer, corporate director, member of the board of directors, and any other person who exercises substantial control over the institution's management or policies. For the purpose of this paragraph, a person exercises "substantial control over the institution's management or policies: if the person has the authority to cause the institution to expend money or incur debt in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more in any year.

(A) For each address required, the institution shall provide a physical home address, and may request that the address, email address, and telephone number, of each person described in paragraph (4) be maintained as personal information.

(EB) The federal employer identification number for partnerships or corporations, or the social security number for individual owners identified in the application.

(5) The name, physical address, and telephone number of the person or entity designated as the institution's agent for service of process by the institution. The agent shall be at a physical address other than the address of the institution or any branch. The agent must confirm the information and acknowledge in writing that he or she is the designated agent for service of process.

(6) The name, physical address, email address, and telephone number of the custodian of records, and the physical addresses and telephone numbers of the offices or buildings where the records will be maintained. If records are stored at a location other than a physical address, the institution shall provide the location where the records are stored. If there have been no substantive changes made the institution may so state and is not required to provide documentation.

(7) A statement from any person identified in subdivision (c)(4) of this section who:

(A) Was found in any judicial or administrative proceeding to have violated the Act or the law of any other state related to untrue or misleading advertising, the solicitation of prospective students for enrollment in an educational service, or the operation of a postsecondary school;

(B) Was denied any type of license on grounds set forth in Section 480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(C) Was adjudicated as responsible for the closure of an institution in which there were unpaid

liabilities to the state or federal government or any uncompensated pecuniary losses suffered by students;

(D) Has stipulated to a judgment or administrative order or entered a consent decree involving any of the matters described in this section.

(E) Was convicted of any misdemeanor or felony as provided in Section 480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(8) An acknowledgement by the applicant that they understand that an institution approved by means of its accreditation shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Act and of this Division.

~~(d) In addition to the form required in (b), the institution shall submit the appropriate renewal fee as provided in Section 94930.5(b)(3) of the Code to the Bureau, and verification that its accreditation has been renewed by its accreditation agency.~~

~~(e) The institution demonstrates attests to its continued capacity to meet the minimum operating standards by submitting the application signed and dated, and each fact stated therein and each attachment thereto declared to be true under penalty of perjury, as follows:~~

(1) Signatories shall sign with original or digital signatures:

(A) Each owner of the institution, or each partner in a partnership, or

(B) If the institution is incorporated, by the chief executive officer or president of the corporation and each person who owns or controls 25 percent or more of the stock or interest in the institution, or

(C) If the institution is a nonprofit corporation or a public institution, by the chief executive officer or president.

(2) The declaration shall be in the following form: "I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing and all attachments are true and correct.

(Date)

(Signature)

(3) The application will include the date signed, the name and title of each signor of the application.

(ef) Provided that a complete renewal application under CCR section 71480 is received by the Bureau on or before 30 calendar days after the expiration of the approval, a valid approval to operate shall continue until the Bureau has acted upon the renewal application. If a complete renewal application under CCR section 71480 is not received by the Bureau on or before 30 calendar days after expiration of the approval to operate, the institution's approval to operate shall terminate by operation of law on the 31st calendar day after the expiration of the approval to operate. An institution continuing to operate more than 30 calendar days beyond expiration will be subject to citation for operating without approval.

(fg) An incomplete application filed under this section will render the institution ineligible for renewal.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94890 and 94891, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94802, 94889, 94890, ~~and 94930.5, and 94943.5~~, Education Code, Section 480.2, Business and Professions Code.

7. Overview of the Sunset Review Process



8. Future Meeting Dates

- February 4, 2026 (WebEx)
- May 6, 2026 (WebEx)
- August 19, 2026 (in-person)
- November 12, 2026 (WebEx)



9. Future Agenda Items



10. Chair and Vice Chair Elections



11. Adjournment

