



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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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called to order, the members present may, at the chair's discretion, continue to discuss items from the agenda and make recommendations to the full committee at a future meeting.

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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 February 4, 2026, 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. Discipline Update
 - e. Compliance and Annual Report Update
 - f. Complaint and Investigation 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. Proposed Section 100 to Add Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 480.2 Provisions (California BPC section 480.2; Title 5 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 71130, 71400.5, 71475, 71720, 71730, 75060, 75070, and 75100).
 - b. Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications (California Education Code (CEC) section 94890; 5 CCR sections 71390, 71480, and 71850).
7. Sunset Review and Legislative Update (Assembly Bill 2771)

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Advisory Committee Meeting

May 6, 2026

9:30 am until completion of business



1. Welcome, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum

Members:

- Tess Kraiker, Chair
- Leigh Ferrin, Vice Chair
- Kansen Chu
- Joseph Holt
- Robyn Smith
- Michael Zimmerman
- Noah Zinner
- Senator Angelique Ashby
- Assemblymember Mike Fong



2. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

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3. Review and Approval of
February 4, 2026, Advisory
Committee Meeting Minutes





Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 4, 2026

WebEx Meeting

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance

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

Committee Members Absent

Robert Boykin
Assemblymember Mike Fong
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
Nicole Dragoo, Bureau Licensing 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 Strohmeyer, Bureau Legislative/Regulation Specialist
Jason Piccione, DCA Chief Information Officer

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

Leigh Ferrin, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and presided as acting chair at the request of Chair Tess Kraiker. Ms. Ferrin also acknowledged that Committee members Tracy Tambascia and Melanie Delgado had stepped down since the November 2025 meeting and thanked them for their service.

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

No public comment.

Agenda #3 - Review and Approval of November 5, 2025, Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Kansen Chu moved to approve the November 5, 2025, meeting minutes; Tess Kraiker seconded the motion.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Vote

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

The motion passed.

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

Judie Bucciarelli, 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. He reported that Bureau staff are currently working with selected institutions to test expanded online services for the institution portal, including the ability to submit and pay annual fees online and to submit quarterly Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) assessments, in advance of opening portal access to all institutions in the coming months.

Public Comment

One member of the public provided a comment.

Licensing Report

Ms. Vongmany reported on the Licensing Unit. She outlined Attachment 5(b).

Joseph Holt commended the Bureau on the progress made in reducing full approval application timelines, noting that the improvements reflect effective internal resource allocation. He encouraged the Bureau to continue controlling internal processes while acknowledging that institution responsiveness remains a variable outside the Bureau's direct control. Ms. Vongmany thanked Mr. Holt and noted that additional outreach and engagement opportunities identified through workshop feedback are being explored.

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

One member of the public provided a 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.

Complaint and Investigation Report

Daniel Rangel, Bureau Enforcement Chief over complaints and investigations, reported on the Complaint and Investigation Unit. He outlined Attachment 5(e).

Robyn Smith thanked the Bureau for the additional context on the insufficient evidence category.

Joseph Holt asked whether the examples provided were representative or random samples. Mr. Rangel explained that they were both random and representative. He added that, of all complaints closed in calendar year 2025, only 57 were closed for insufficient evidence, and that most closures in the combined non-substantiated/insufficient-evidence category fall into the former group, distinctions not currently reflected in the materials. Mr. Holt recommended separating insufficient evidence closures from unsubstantiated closures in future reports.

Ms. Smith requested a breakdown of non-substantiated cases and clarification of what non-substantiation means, including whether there are specific types of evidence considered sufficient for substantiation. She also asked what percentage of insufficient-evidence closures involve anonymous or non-responsive complainants. Mr. Rangel stated that anonymous and non-responsive complainants make up a large share of insufficient-evidence closures but did not have an exact percentage available. He noted that lack of complainant participation is often a significant barrier to investigation. Ms. Smith requested that this information be included in a future report.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Discipline Report

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) Report

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

Robyn Smith requested a future breakdown of transcript assistance contacts, including whether students are having difficulty obtaining transcripts from closed schools and whether any schools are refusing to provide transcripts due to unpaid debts, and how such violations are handled.

Ms. Ferrin noted appreciation for the partner highlights slide and expressed that the outreach efforts are valuable and not always well known.

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).

Public Comment

No public comment.

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

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

6a. Use of the Term “University” (California Education Code (CEC) section 94897; Title 5, California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 74150)

Mr. Strohmeier outlined the proposed regulatory language regarding the use of the term “university.” He explained that existing regulations define “university” and restrict use of the term unless an institution meets the definition or uses qualifying language to prevent deception. He continued that proposed changes would specify that institutions must meet two criteria to use the term, including accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting agency, and conferral of graduate degrees. He stated this establishes a clear objective standard and prevents unaccredited institutions from using the term prior to achieving accreditation.

Mr. Holt asked about grandfathered institutions. Mr. Strohmeyer confirmed that grandfathered institutions are not required to change their name under this package, but if they voluntarily change their name in the future, they must meet the new requirements.

Public Comment

No public comment.

6b. Minimum Operating Standards – Financials (CEC sections 94885 and 94934; 5 CCR sections 71475, 74002, 74110, and 74115)

Mr. Strohmeyer outlined the proposed regulatory changes to minimum operating standards for financial statements. He explained that the package proposes to: eliminate an inconsistency in the level of review required for financial statements submitted with renewal applications (5 CCR section 71475); add a definition for generally accepted accounting principles (5 CCR section 74002); clarify the term “current” (5 CCR section 74115); allow institutions to submit financial statements electronically with annual reports; and clarify that financial statements submitted with annual reports may be either audited or reviewed (5 CCR section 74110).

Mr. Strohmeyer noted that the Bureau is considering whether to modify financial standards applicable to Title IV-participating institutions, given changes occurring at the federal level. He reported that the school participation division of the Department of Education saw the majority of its staff positions eliminated in March 2025, raising questions about the continued meaningful federal oversight. He noted that developing state-level standards would take time and carry administrative burdens, while delaying action could create oversight gaps.

Mr. Holt noted that composite scores are calculated by institutions and their independent auditors and reported to the Department of Education, not calculated by the Department itself. He stated that the reduction in federal staff does not eliminate the calculation of composite scores and that independent auditors remain involved. He clarified that this does not resolve all concerns raised by the Bureau, but on the specific question of composite score calculation, the elimination of federal staff does not mean scores will cease to be produced.

Ms. Ferrin noted that if state-level standards were promulgated, consistency with existing federal frameworks would be important to avoid placing dual compliance burdens on institutions.

Mr. Zimmerman noted that the Department of Education would likely not cease calculating composite scores given the significant effects on institutions participating in NC-SARA, where maintaining an up-to-date composite score is a requirement.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda #7 – Sunset Review: Process Overview and Member Discussion

Ms. Cochrane provided context for the sunset review. She explained that the Bureau is scheduled for a comprehensive sunset review in 2026, through which the Legislature will determine whether and how to reauthorize the Bureau beyond January 1, 2027. She stated that the Bureau submitted its sunset report to the Legislature on January 9, 2026, and the report is publicly available on the Bureau's website and was provided to all Committee members. She noted that the next step is for the Legislature's authorizing committees to draft a background paper and schedule a hearing, for which a date had not yet been confirmed at the time of the meeting.

Ms. Smith expressed appreciation for the thoroughness and quality of the sunset report, commending Bureau Chief Cochrane and the staff for the progress made in addressing long-standing issues and for the substance and recommendations of the report.

Mr. Holt stated that he has been engaged with four previous sunset reports and described this as the most practical and mission-aligned of those documents. He highlighted the specificity of the recommendations, including proposed redline changes to legislative text, as a strong foundation for legislative conversations.

Kevin Powers echoed prior comments on the quality of the report. He noted that he is working with colleagues from the Senate Business and Professions and Senate Education Committees on a joint draft background paper and anticipated the sunset hearing to occur in early to mid-March 2026. He noted that the sunset process typically results in a policy bill extending the Bureau's authorization and potentially addressing policy considerations raised in the background paper.

Ms. Cochrane thanked the Committee for acknowledging the staff's efforts, noting that the report represented a seven-month all-hands effort, with contributions from most Bureau staff.

Public Comment

One member of the public provided a comment.

Agenda #8 – Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.

Public Comment

One member of the public provided a comment.

Agenda #9 – Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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

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IT System Project



Licensing Statistics

Q3, FY 2025-26

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FY 2025/26 Q3 LICENSE APPLICATIONS – PENDING APPLICATIONS


Application Type	Current Quarter			Fiscal Year to Date			End of Quarter
	Received	Approved	Completed	Received	Approved	Completed	Total Pending
New Full Approval	10	13	7	40	35	12	113
New Acc Approval	8	5	4	21	11	5	13
Renewal Full	5	6	2	16	53	10	28
Renewal Accredited	22	22	1	56	58	2	42
Changes Full	20	15	5	66	66	14	52
Changes Accredited	43	48	6	131	123	11	46
Verification of Exemption	67	52	26	230	190	71	22
Out of State Registration	7	6	N/A	21	16	1	17

FY 2025/26 Q3 APPLICATION TIMEFRAMES

Application Type	Current Quarter				Fiscal Year to Date		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	575	311	203	826	577	429	573	492
New Accredited Approval	117	112	21	199	112	93	104	95
Renewal Full	379	895	233	593	411	801	420	652
Renewal Accredited	166	3	7	898	254	89	262	419
Changes Full	208	251	30	592	169	306	172	296
Changes Accredited	91	244	1	932	86	234	88	324
Verification of Exemption	23	31	2	135	32	36	39	37
Out of State Registration	224	N/A	6	807	128	39	108	39

FY 2025/26 Q3 Statewide Population by Location Type & Approval Type

Location Type for Approval to Operate	Main	Branch	Satellite	Total
	857	313	321	1491



Approval Types Population0	ABMA (Accredited)	Full (Non-Accredited) ^a	Conditional ^b	Out of State Registration
	369	488	0	151

^a 24 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 application.
- Institutions may register on the Bureau's website:
https://www.bppe.ca.gov/schools/application_workshops.shtml

- FY 25/26
Q4 Workshops
 - April 21, 2026
 - May 19, 202
 - June 23, 2026

Q3 Workshop Dates	Location	Attendees
January 20, 2026	WebEx - Virtual	26
February 17, 2026	WebEx - Virtual	43
March 17, 2026	WebEx - Virtual	23

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QEU Statistics on Accreditation Tracking

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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

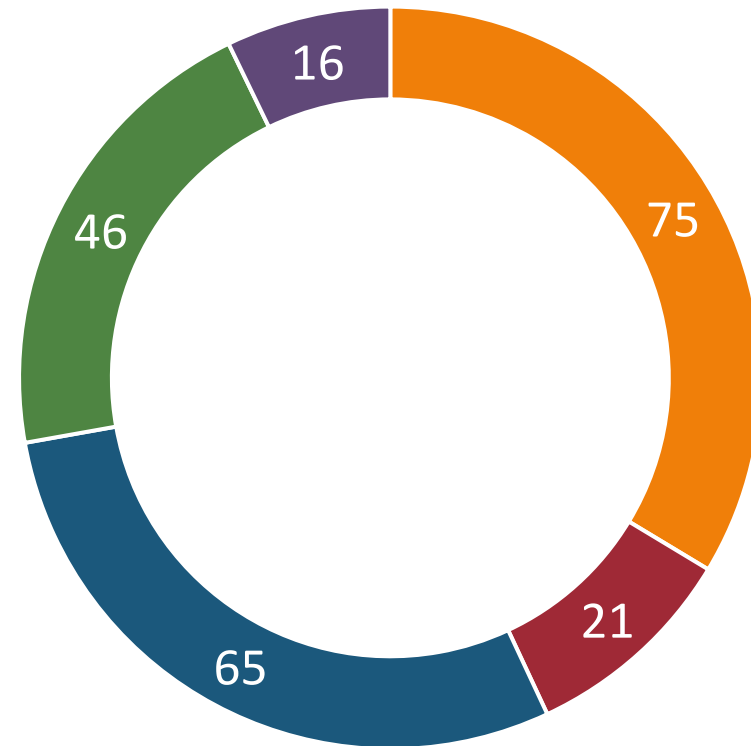
Outcome	Institution Count
Accredited	27
Closed or Approval Expired	16
Exempt	2
Surrendered Degrees	23
Suspended Degrees	12
Pursuing Accreditation	24
Total	104

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.

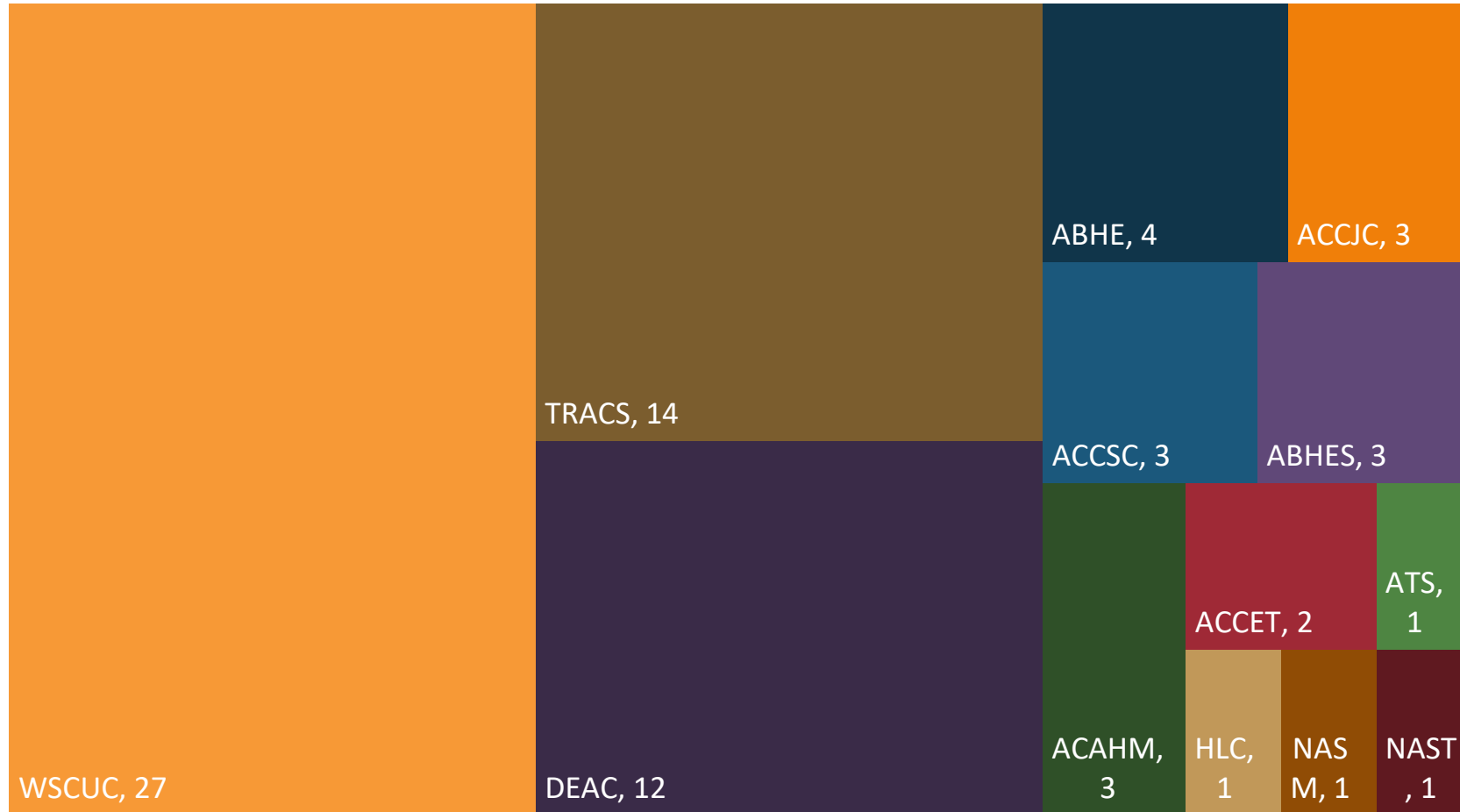
Total Institution Count: 223

- 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
- ATS: The Association of Theological Schools
- 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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Discipline Update Q3, 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	1		3
PC 23	0	2	0	1	0	0	0		0
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Order to Comply	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Revocation	0	3	0	2	1	0	0		1
Rejected by DAG	1	1	0	0	0	0	0		0
Stipulated Settlement: Probation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		0
Stipulated Settlement: Probation Extended	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0
Stipulated Settlement: Surrender	2	0	1	0	0	2	1		3
Stipulated Settlement: Revocation	0	1	2	1	0	0	1		1
Stipulated Settlement: Public Reproval	0	0	0	1	0	0	1		1
Withdrawn By Bureau: Citation Issued	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		0
Withdrawn by Bureau: Violations Resolved	1	0	0	2	1	0	0		1
Total Actions Taken:	11	14	4	17	3	3	4		10

Enforcement Actions Resulting from a Statement of Issues

Actions	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY 2025/26				
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Default: Denial Upheld	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Denial Upheld	2	3	0	1	2	0	0		2
Proposed Decision (Hearing Outcome): Conditional Approval Granted	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Stipulated Settlement: Probation Extended	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		0
Withdrawn: Approval Granted (Mitigation Satisfied Deficiencies)	1	4	1	2	1	0	0		1
Withdrawn: Revocation of Approval to Operate	0	0	0	1	0	1	0		1
Withdrawn: Denial Upheld (Appeal Withdrawn by Institution)	2	1	1	0	1	0	1		2
Withdrawn: Denial Upheld	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Withdrawn: Exempt Institution	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		0
Withdrawn: Approval Granted (Citation Issued)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		0
Total Actions Taken:	5	8	5	4	4	4	1		9

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	0		0
Automatic Suspensions	4	1	2	0	0	0	0		0

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

As of 3/31/2026	Total Cases Transmitted (Number of Cases the Bureau has initiated Disciplinary Action)	Total Cases Filed (Cases Pending Adjudication and Public)
Accusations	12	10
Statement of Issues	11	5
Totals:	23	15

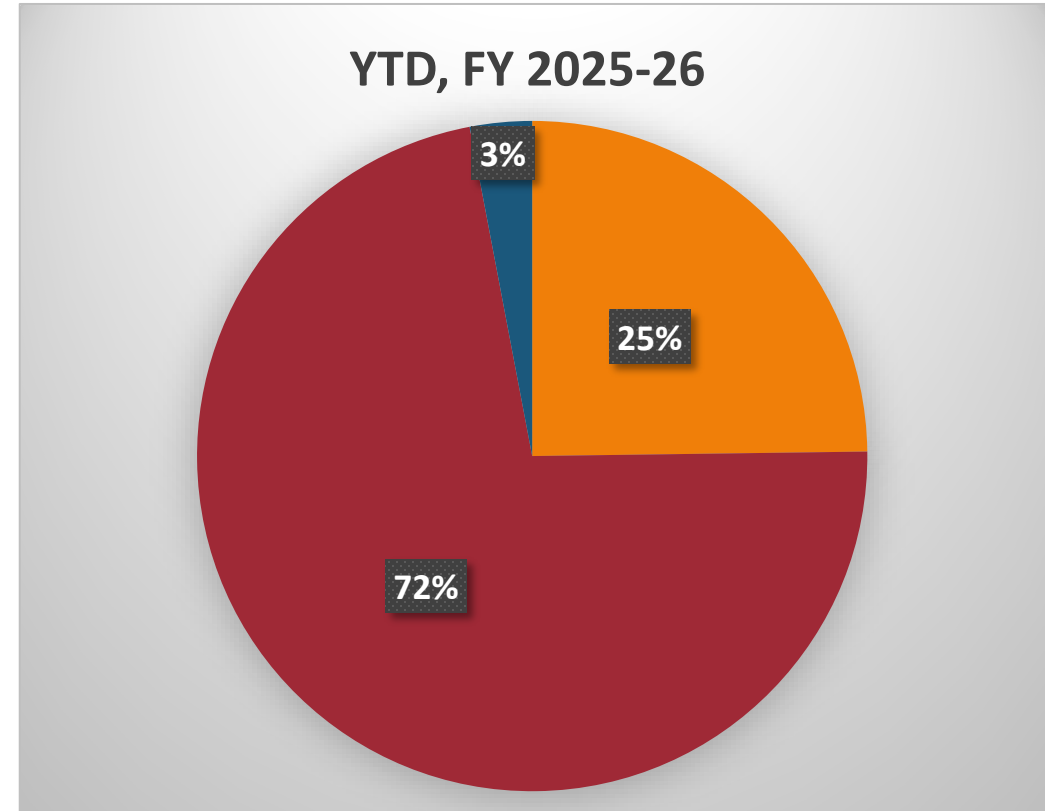
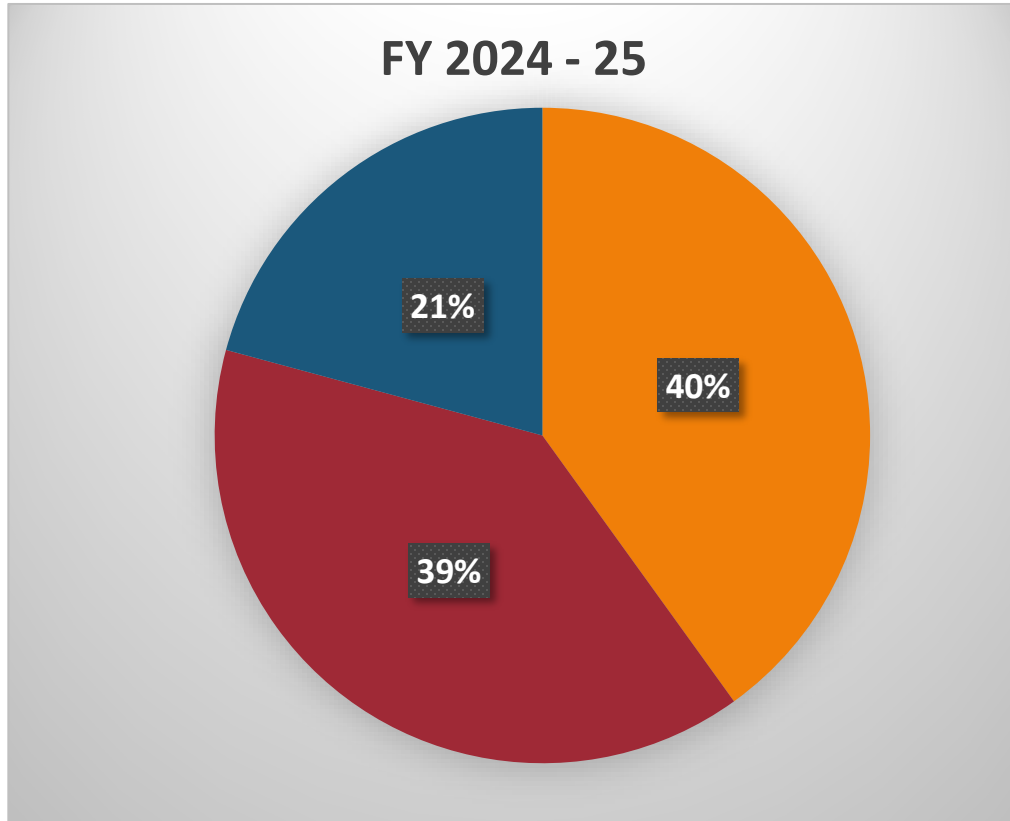
Citations Issued

	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	83	89		234
Number of Approved Institutions Cited	133	207	260	Quarterly numbers not provided due to duplication within the year				213
Number of Unapproved Activity Citations	11	24	50	Quarterly numbers not provided due to duplication within the year				2

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



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.

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

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

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Compliance & Annual Report Update Q3, FY 2025-2026

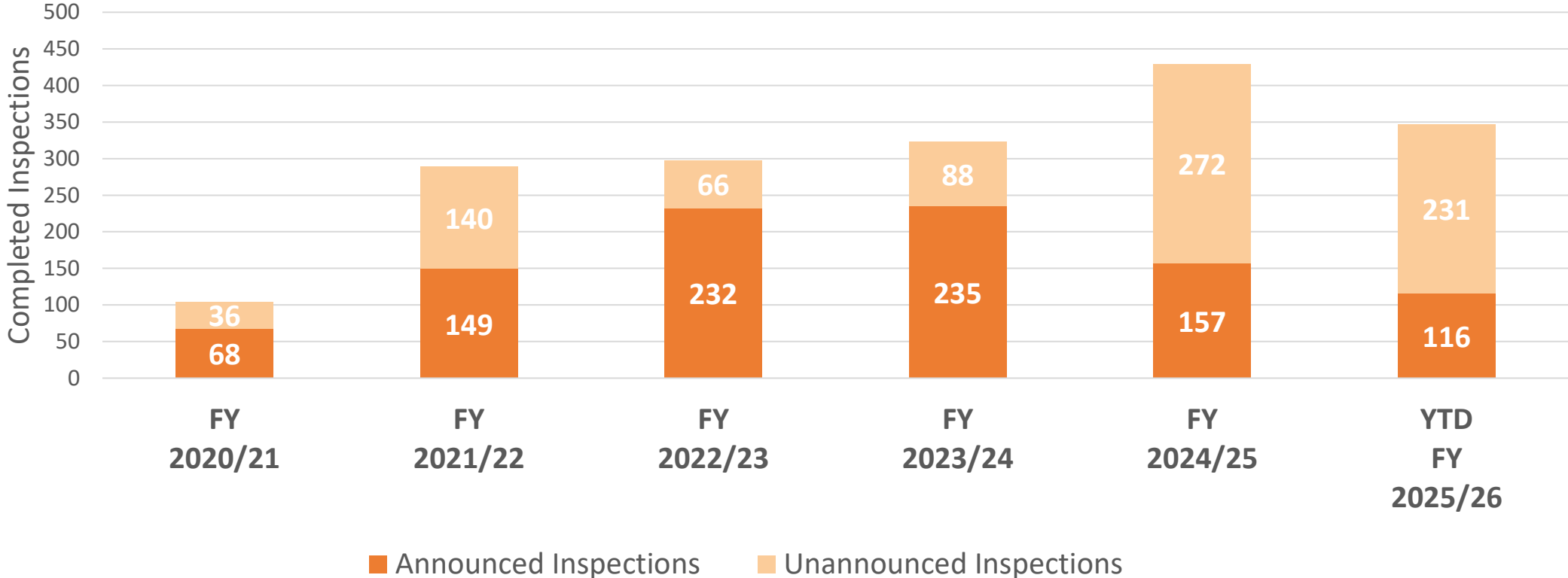
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Inspections

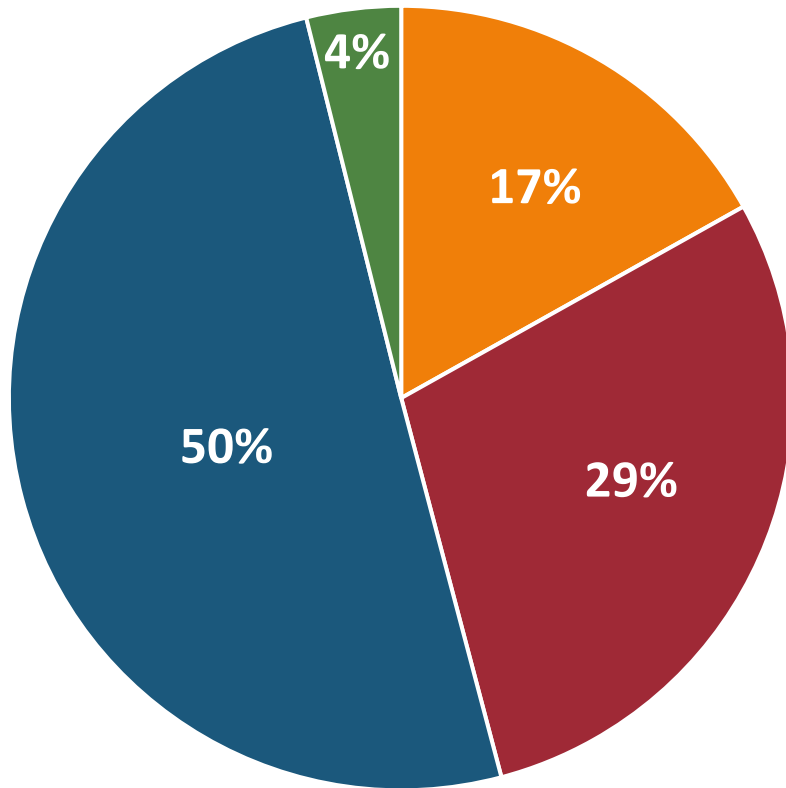
INSPECTIONS	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26				
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Total Inspections	289	298	323	429	115	118	114		347
Announced Inspections	149	232	235	157	40	32	44		116
Unannounced Inspections	140	66	88	272	75	86	70		231

Inspections by Type

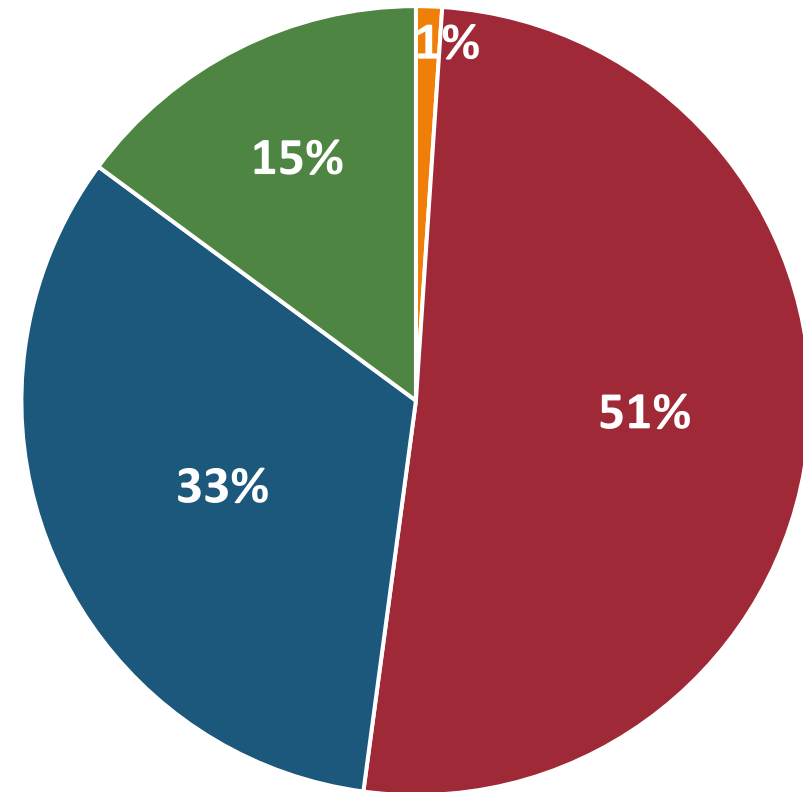


Inspection Results, FY 2025-26 – Total

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
 - May 13, 2026
 - June 18, 2026

Compliance Workshop Attendance FY 2025-26 Q2	
Workshop Date	Attendees
January 2026	56
February 2026	100
March 2026	69

2024 Annual Report

- Report due December 1, 2025
- **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

Initiated Annual Report Submissions

Data as of 4/15/2026 and reflects Institutions who created a workflow in the Annual Report Portal.

Annual Report Reporting Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec. 1 st (Due Date)	After Dec. 1 st (After Due Date)	Total Institutions Initiating Annual Report Submission
2022	0	46	47	107	447	48	122	817
2023	0	47	34	119	516	26	79	821
2024	0	48	60	123	422	45	74	772

C2C Data Submission

- The California Cradle-to-Career Data System is a statewide longitudinal data system that provides tools to help students reach their goals and delivers information on education and workforce outcomes.
- Bureau's First Submission
 - ❖ CEC 94892.6
 - ❖ Data collected annually from institutions during Annual Report submission since reporting year 2021.
 - ❖ March 2026: Bureau submitted institutional and award data to C2C for the first time.
 - ❖ First successful consolidation of multi-year datasets

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_performance_workshops.shtml
- Upcoming Workshops:
 - May 22, 2026
 - June 26, 2026

SPFS Workshop Attendance FY 2025-26 Q2	
Workshop Date	Attendees
January 2025	7
February 2025	28
March 2025	33

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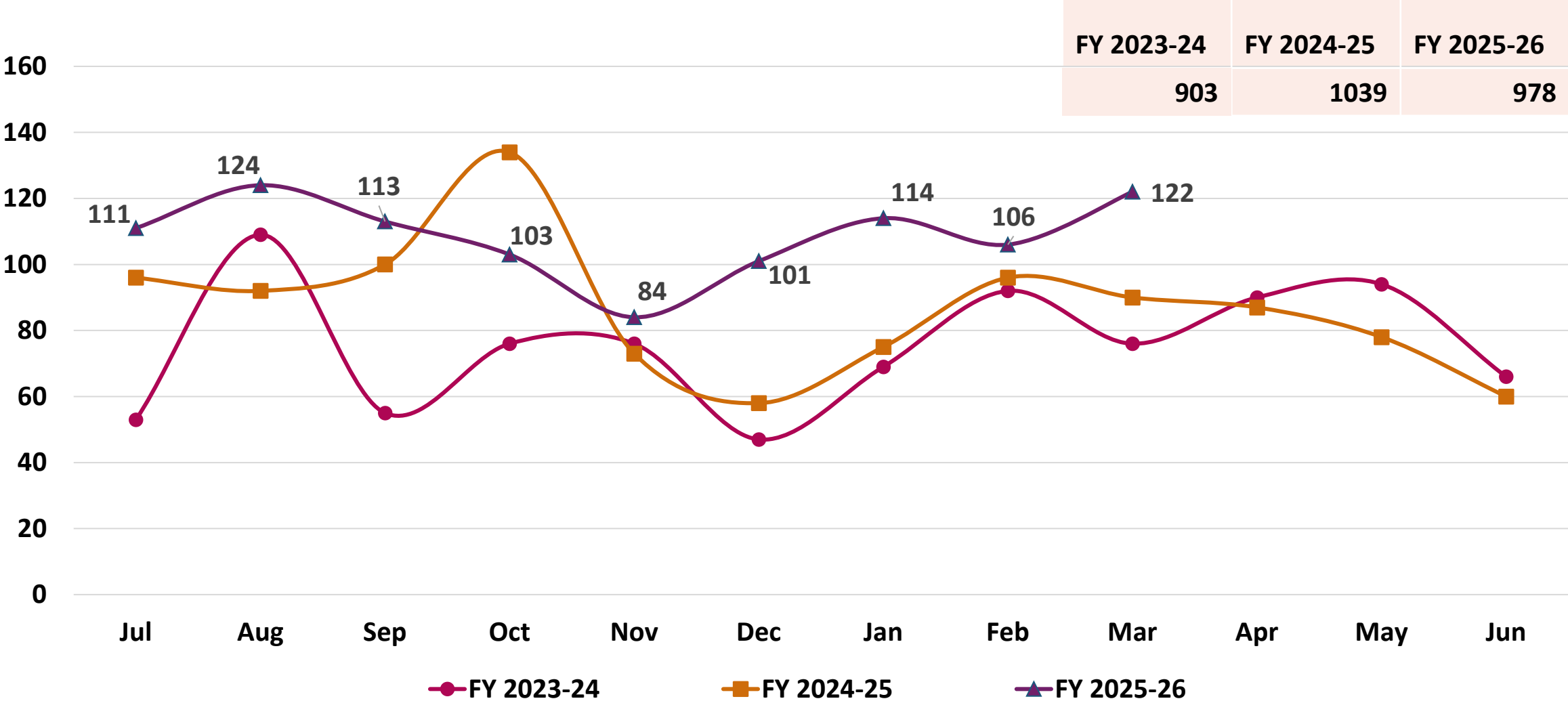
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Complaint Investigation Report Q3, FY 2025-2026

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Advisory Committee Meeting
May 6, 2026



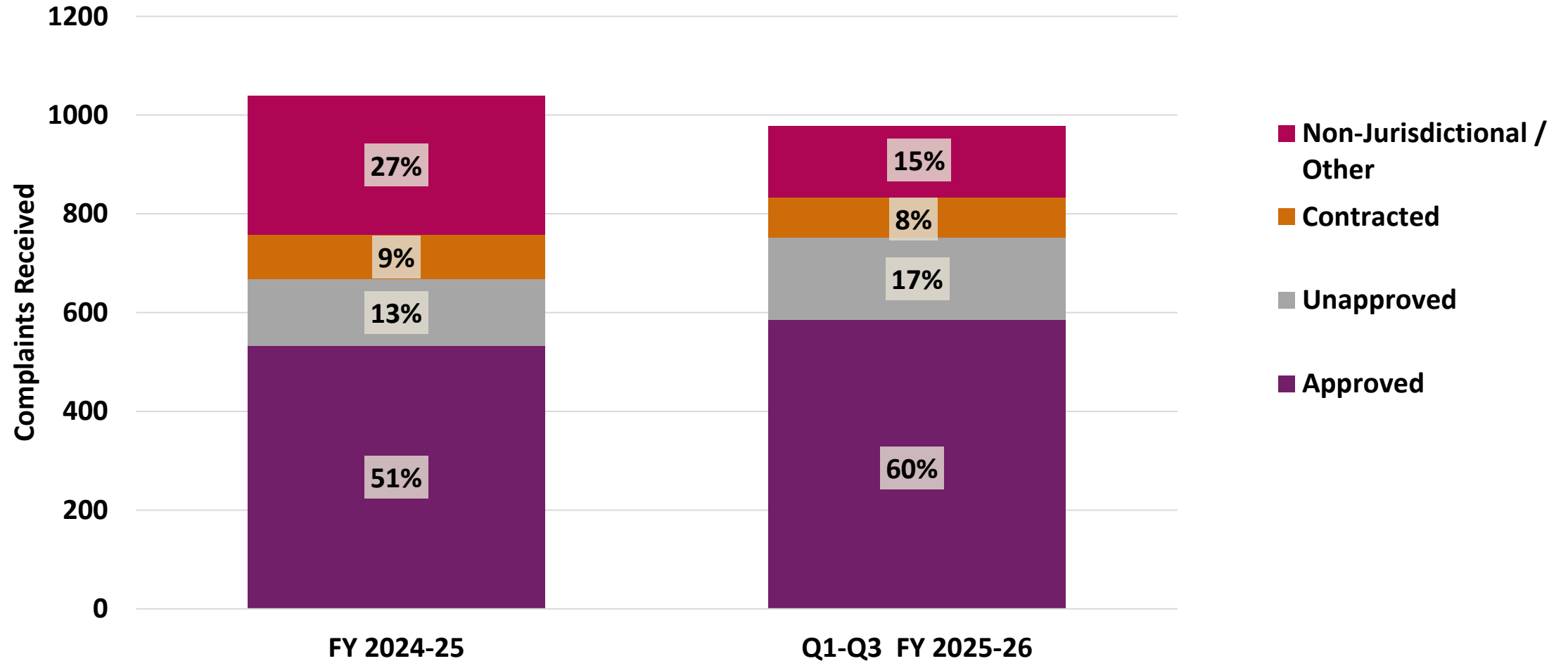
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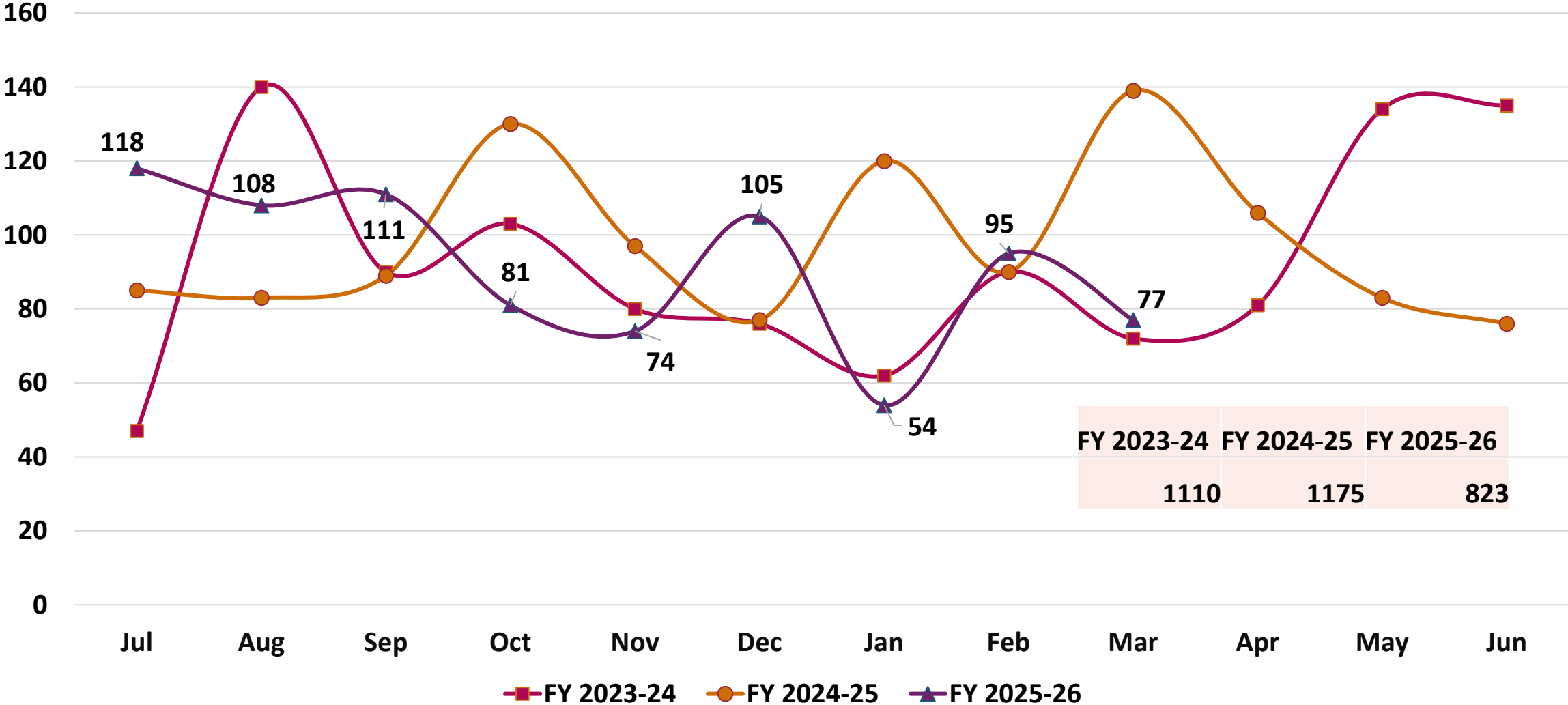
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Complaints Received by School Status

FY 2024-25 to Q3 FY 2025-26

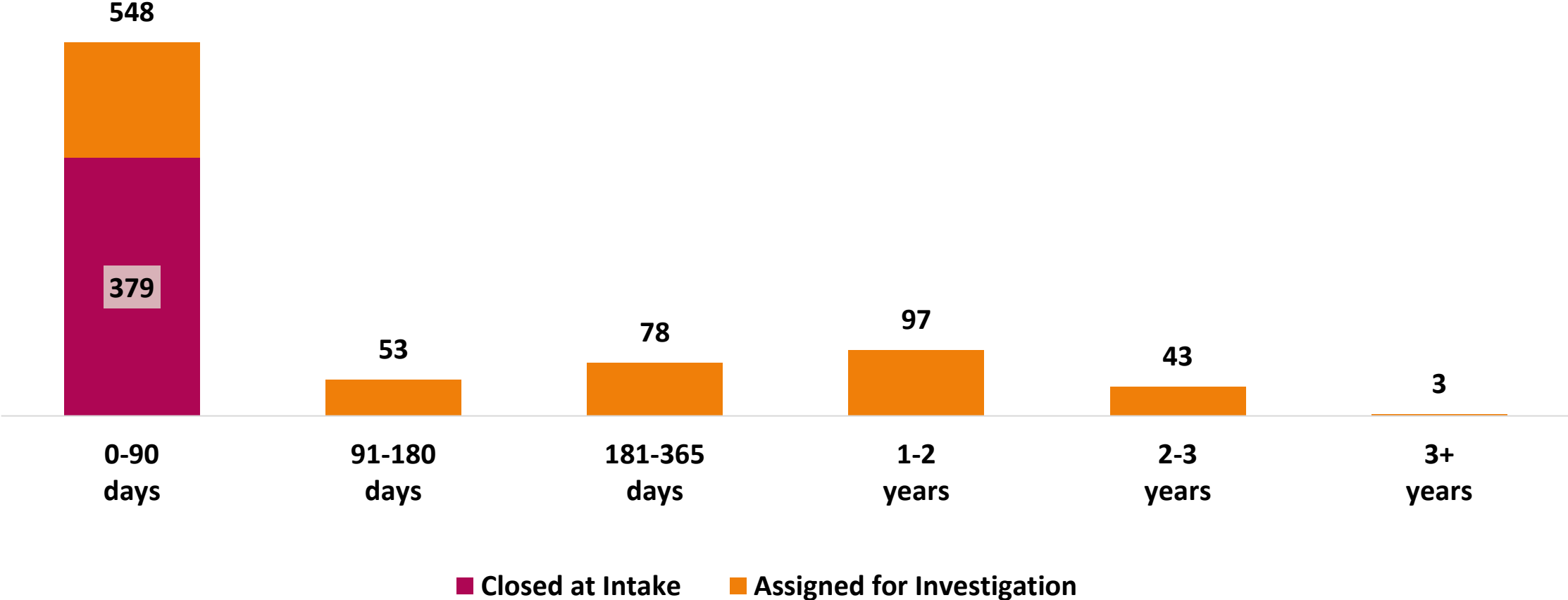


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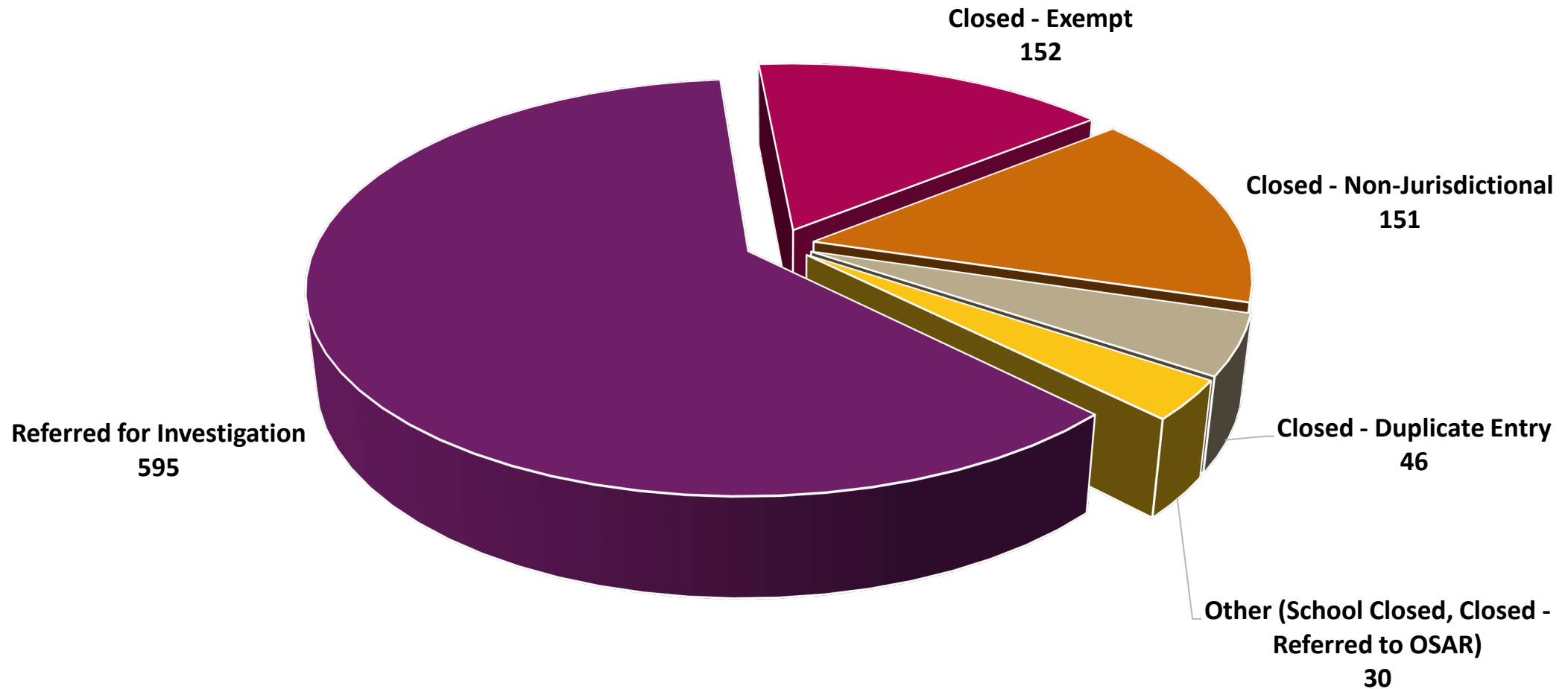


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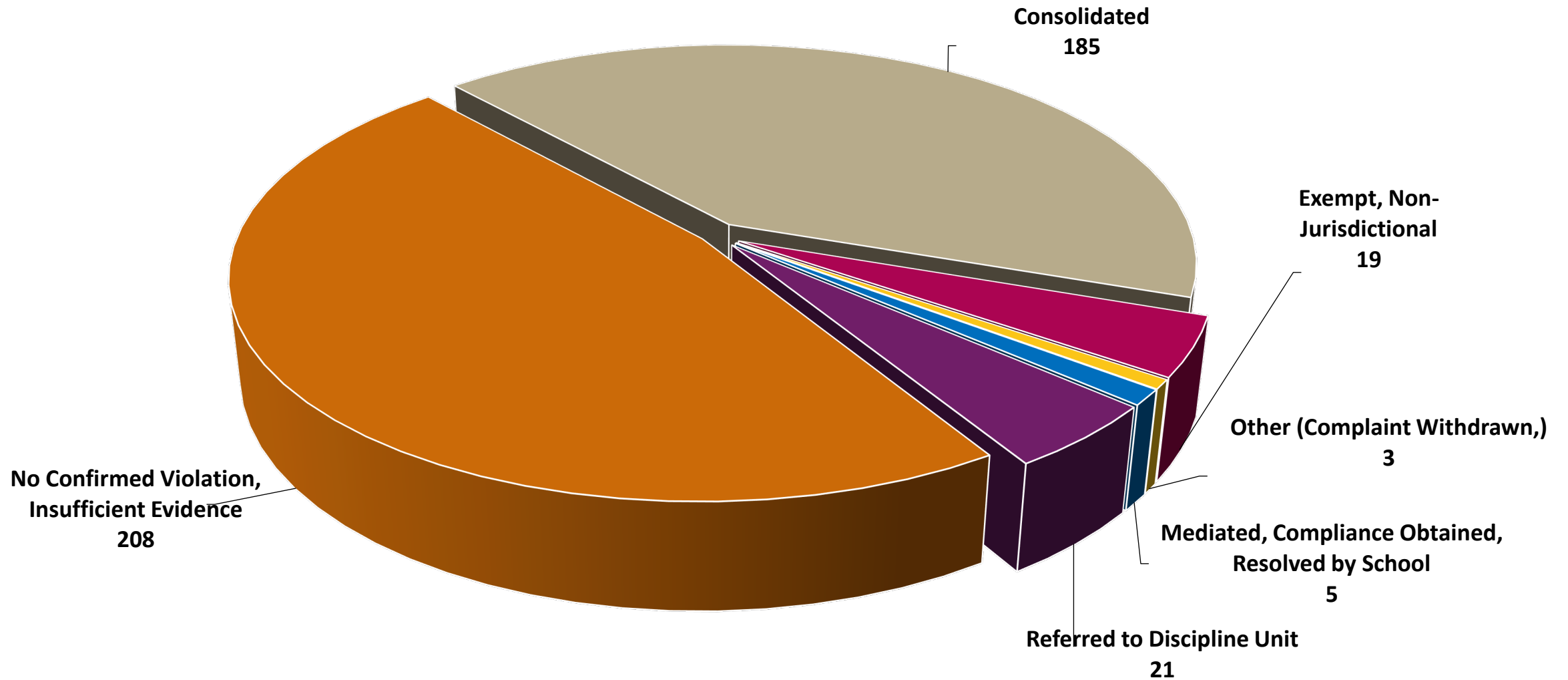
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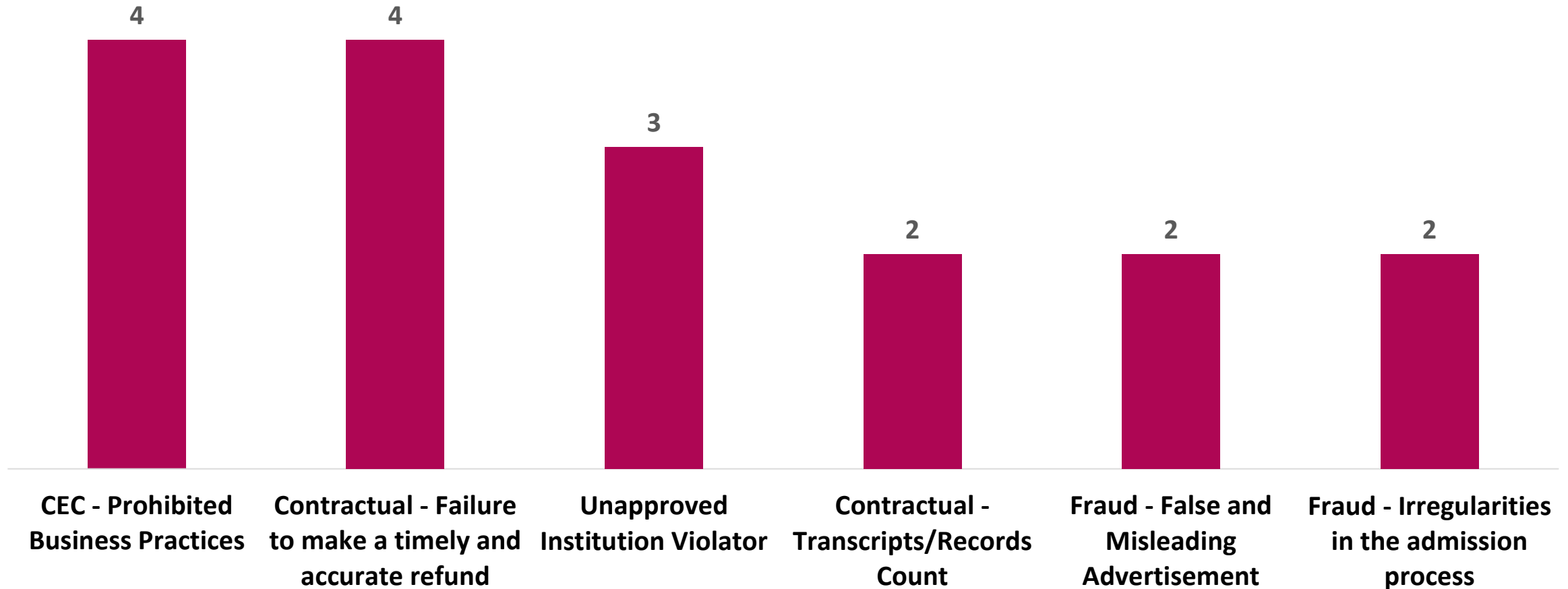


Investigation Outcomes: Q1-Q3 FY 2025-26

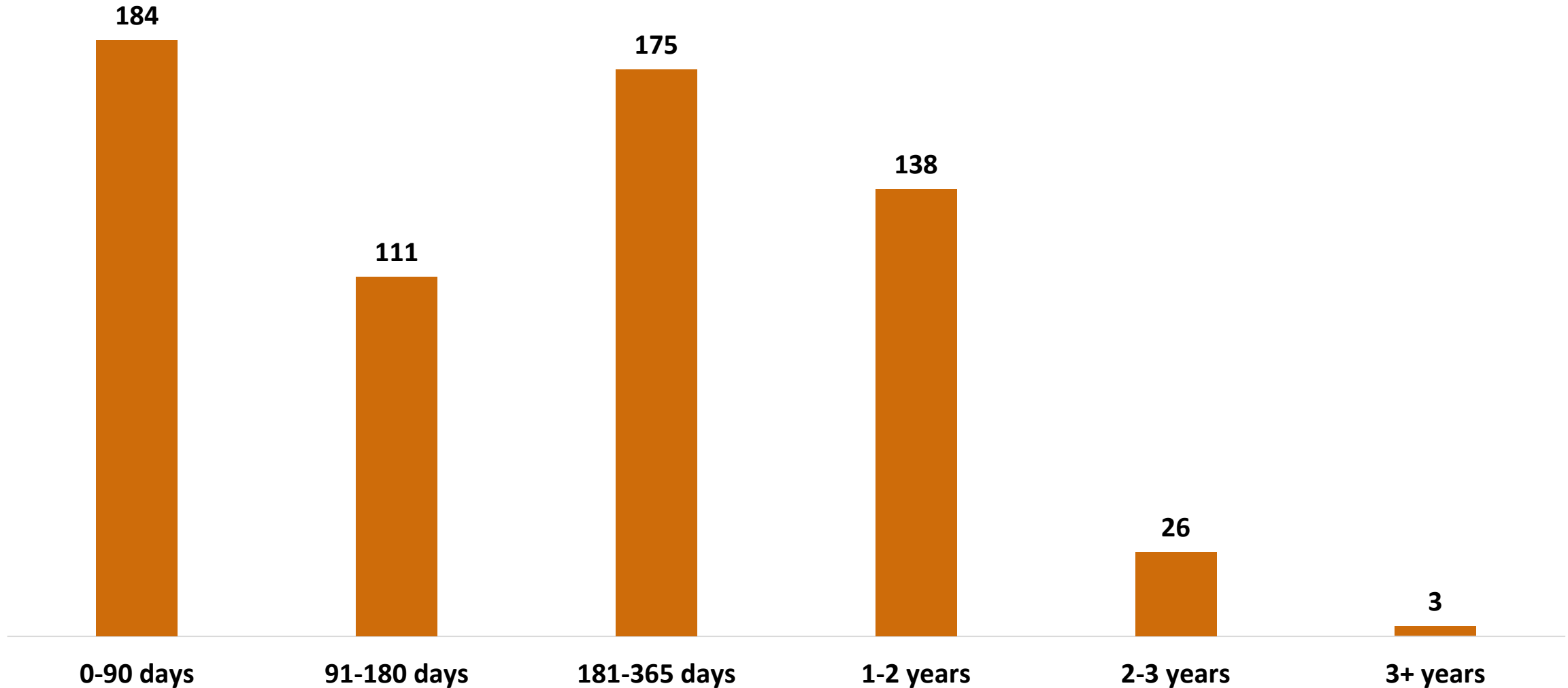


Discipline Unit Referrals: Allegations

Q1-Q3 FY 2025-26

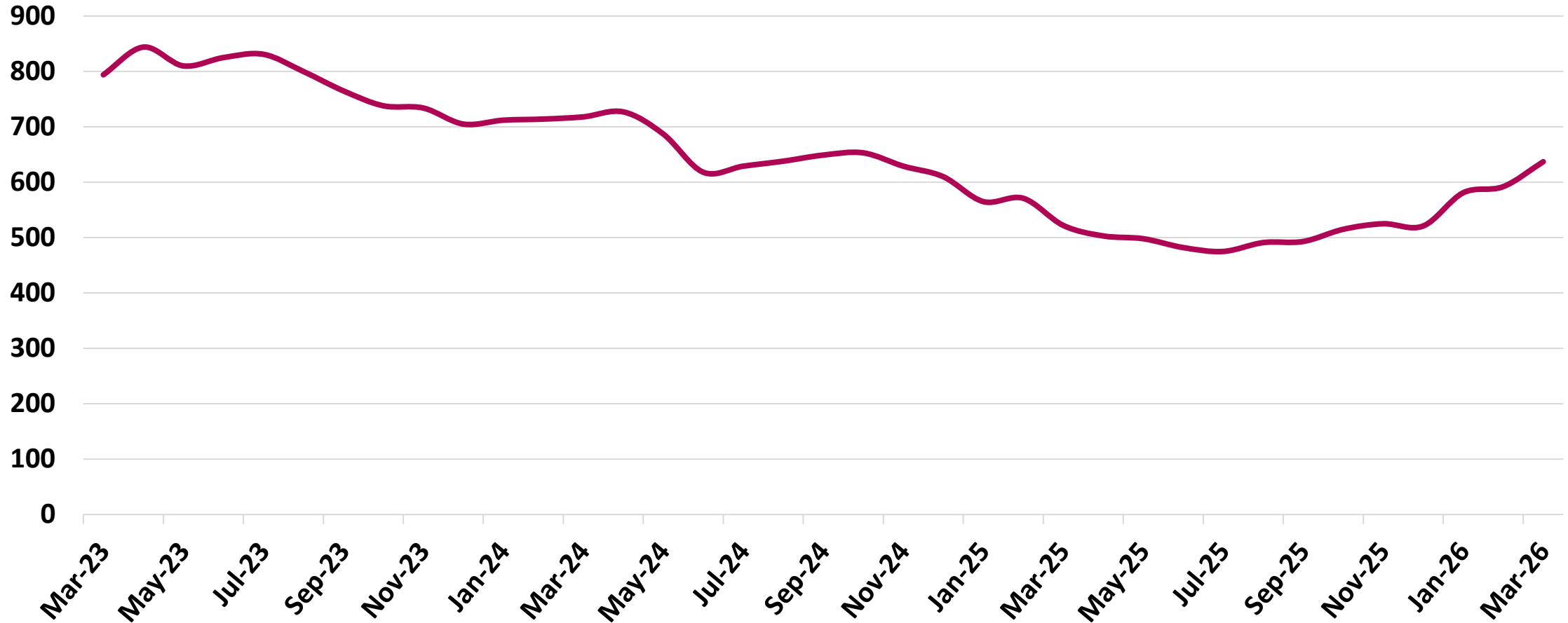


Pending Caseload Age, as of 3/31/2026



Pending Caseload Count

March 2023 - March 2026



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Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) Update Q3, FY 2025-26

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Advisory Committee Meeting
May 6th, 2026



Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART A: INFORMED CHOICE OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Student Outreach Activity	Event Type	Event Date	Event Location	Total Students Interactions
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
Black College Expo (Sacramento)	Student Workshop / Presentation	10/4/2025	Sacramento, CA	200
56 th Assembly District College and Career Fair	College Fair	10/11/2025	Los Angeles, CA	100
Steps to College	College Fair	2/17/2026	Sacramento, CA	70
			TOTAL	476

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART B: CLOSURE-RELATED OUTREACH EFFORTS

School	Outreach Type	Outreach Date	School Location	Total Students
International College of Cosmetology	Student Workshop	7/10/2025	Oakland, CA	14
Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine	Email	7/11/2025	Los Angeles, CA	114
Bethel College	Email	7/17/2025	Redding, CA	124
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, CA	8
Recording Radio Film Connection & Casa Schools	Email	10/7/2025	Los Angeles, CA	34
	Virtual Workshop	10/28/2025		
Professional Schools of Beauty, Fashion, & Arts, Inc.	Email	10/7/2025	Los Angeles, CA	26
Culinary Lab Cooking School	Email	10/16/2025	Santa Ana, CA	56

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART B: CLOSURE-RELATED OUTREACH EFFORTS

School	Outreach Type	Outreach Date	School Location	Total Students
College of English Language	Email	01/22/2026	Santa Monica	7
San Joaquin Valley College	Email	01/22/2026	Porterville	16
			Delano	8
ESL School of NYFA	Email	01/23/2026	Burbank	4
California Healthcare Skills Center	Email	01/27/2026	Riverside, CA	4
	Phone Calls	01/28/2026		
			Total:	519

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART C: SELECT CLOSURES AND CHANGES IN APPROVAL STATUS	
Institution	Type
ESL School of NYFA	Institution (Exempt)
Tri Counties Truck Driving School	Institution (Exempt)
Learning Fuze LLC	Institution
San Joaquin Valley College, Inc.*	Multiple Branches
Caledonian ‡	Institution
California College of Early Childhood Education	Institution
Kings Colleges (USA) LLC dba Kings Education	Institution (Exempt)
160 California LLC dba 160 Driving Academy	Branch
The Learning Source ‡	Institution

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART D: PHONE CALLS										
Call Category	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sept. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Jan. 2026	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	47	46	37	23	12	37	19	11	38	270
Student Loan Relief Assistance	8	9	8	5	1	3	3	3	4	44
Closure-Related Assistance	35	24	11	6	3	2	4	6	0	91
Informed Choice Consultation	1	3	4	4	0	1	4	1	8	26
Transcript Assistance	28	16	6	5	5	3	3	1	8	75
Other	22	18	11	19	1	3	2	2	12	90
TOTAL CALLS	141	116	77	62	22	49	35	24	70	596

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART E: EMAILS

Email Category	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sept. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Jan. 2026	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	101	85	65	57	58	56	46	54	54	576
Student Loan Relief Assistance	6	10	13	7	4	4	12	11	5	72
Closure-Related Assistance	89	20	14	46	22	11	13	11	10	236
Informed Choice Consultation	19	11	14	6	0	8	14	10	11	93
Transcript Assistance	65	50	48	26	33	38	25	50	50	385
Other	29	14	17	23	26	19	31	35	38	232
Total Emails	309	190	171	165	143	136	141	171	168	1594

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART F: STUDENT APPOINTMENTS CONDUCTED										
Call Category	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sept. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025	Jan. 2026	Feb. 2026	Mar. 2026	Total
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Application Assistance	9	4	3	1	0	2	5	2	3	29
Closure-Related Assistance	15	3	3	5	1	1	1	1	2	32
Other (Student Loan Relief Assistance, Informed Choice Consultation, Transcript Assistance)	2	4	1	5	1	2	1	1	3	20

Office of Student Assistance and Relief

CHART G: ASSISTING STRF APPLICANTS WITH FEDERAL LOAN DISCHARGE ELIGIBILITY

Students Receiving Outreach	135 ¹
Student Responses	40
Compiled Applications	23

¹ Includes a subset of students that BPPE contacted based on updated loan discharge information from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Report Q3, FY 2026

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Advisory Committee Meeting
May 6, 2026



Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

STRF Claims Received		
State Fiscal Year	FY 26 Q2	FY 26 Q3
Total Claims Received	46	44
Claims Received via Connect	39	37
Claims Received via Paper Applications	7	7

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

STRF Claims Approved		
State Fiscal Year	FY 26 Q2	FY 26 Q3
Amount	\$576,493.98	\$369,431.54
Claims Approved	34	32
STRF Claims Ineligible / Denied / UTC		
State Fiscal Year	FY 26 Q2	FY 26 Q3
Claims Ineligible	17	1
Claims Denied	50	8
Unable to Contact (UTC)	7	107
Total Claims Processed	108	148

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Claims

Current STRF Claims as of 03/31/2026

Current STRF Claims ¹

Analyst's First Review Complete/Recommendation Pending	83
Analyst Review	134
Waiting for Student Response	46
In Queue	513
TOTAL	776

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 26 Q2	FY 26 Q3
Amount	\$533,794.19	\$0.00
Claims	29	0

STRF Claims Paid Amount

State Fiscal Year	FY 26 Q2	FY 26 Q3
Amount	\$0.00	\$585,265.18
Claims	0	35

STRF Current Balance as of 03/31/2026

\$32,508,596.21

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	536	75	176	168	117	\$900,366.79	\$38,071.96	\$938,438.75
WyoTech ¹	183	19	54	44	66	\$391,308.89	\$0.00	\$391,308.89
Everest ¹	609	69	193	180	167	\$645,863.91	\$0.00	\$645,863.91
Silicon Valley	1396	50	195	52	1099	\$19,622,433.49	\$0.00	\$19,622,433.49

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. Status Update and Discussion related to the following Regulatory Matters:

- a. Proposed Section 100 to Add Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 480.2 Provisions (California BPC section 480.2; Title 5 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 71130, 71400.5, 71475, 71720, 71730, 75060, 75070, and 75100).
- b. Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications (California Education Code (CEC) section 94890; 5 CCR sections 71390, 71480, and 71850).



Regulation Tracker

Title	Status Summary	ACM	DCA	Agency	Public Comment	OAL	Final
		(text only)	(full package)				
Unapproved Activity	Effective July 1, 2026	2/26/2025, 11/5/2025	4/24/2025, 11/12/2025	12/8/2025	12/19/2025- 2/2/2026	2/13/2026	3/23/2026
Catalog Requirements	Submitted to DCA	5/28/2025, 11/5/2025	11/21/2025; 3/13/2026				
Use of the Term "University"	Submitted to DCA	2/4/2026	3/12/2026				
Minimum Operating Standards: Financial Resources, Statements, and Annual Report Filing	Submitted to DCA	11/8/2023, 2/4/2026	1/4/2024, 3/5/2024, 3/20/2024				
Approval by Means of Accreditation (ABMA) Applications	Advisory Committee Discussion	8/27/2025, 11/5/2025, 5/6/2026					
Adding Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 480.2 Provisions	Advisory Committee Discussion	5/6/2026					
Minimum Operating Standards: Student Records	Under Development	11/13/2024					

6a. Proposed Section 100 to Add Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 480.2 Provisions

(California BPC section 480.2; Title 5 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 71130, 71400.5, 71475, 71720, 71730, 75060, 75070, and 75100)



DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 5. BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Adding Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 480.2 Provisions

Legend:	Added text is indicated with an <u>underline</u> . Omitted text is indicated by (* * * *) Deleted text is indicated by strikeout .
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Chapter 2. Applications

Article 1. Application for Approval to Operate and Offer Educational Programs for Non-Accredited Institutions

Amend section 71130 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

71130. Institution Ownership and Control: Violations of Law.

(* * * *)

(c) The institution shall provide a statement from any person identified in subdivision (a) of this section who –

(1) 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;

(2) Was denied any type of license on grounds set forth in Section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(3) 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;

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

(5) Was convicted of any misdemeanor or felony as provided in Section ~~480~~480.2(a)(1) of the Business and Professions Code;

(* * * *)

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94888, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94885, 94887 and 94888, Education Code; and Sections 30 and ~~480~~480.2, Business and Professions Code.

Article 4. Processing of Applications

Amend section 71400.5 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

71400.5. Denial of an Application.

(a) The inclusion of false or misleading information, or the intentional or negligent omission of pertinent information on any application may result in the denial of the application or a delay in processing, and may be grounds for action pursuant to Article 18 of the Act.

(b) In addition to denying an application pursuant to section 94887 of the Code, the Bureau may deny any application based on any act that constitutes grounds for the denial of a license under Section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code, incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94803 and 94877, Education Code. Reference: Section ~~480~~480.2, Business & Professions Code; and Sections 94887, 94888 and 94932, Education Code.

Article 6. Renewals

Amend section 71475 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

71475. Renewal of an Approval to Operate for a Non-Accredited Institution; Cancellation of an Approval to Operate

(* * * *)

(f) The renewal application shall include a statement from any person identified in subdivision (h)(1) of this section who --

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(* * * *)

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803 and 94891, Education Code. Reference: Section 480.2, Business & Professions Code; and Sections 94802 and 94889, Education Code.

Chapter 3. Institutional Operating Standards

Article 1. Minimum Operating Standards

Amend section 71720 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

71720. Faculty.

(a) An Educational Program Leading to a Degree.

(* * * *)

(7) The institution shall not employ or continue to employ any faculty who were adjudicated in a judicial or administrative proceeding as having violated any provision of the Act or this chapter or as having committed any act that would constitute grounds for the denial of a license under Section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code;

(* * * *)

(b) Instructors in an Educational Program Not Leading to a Degree.

(* * * *)

(3) The institution shall not employ or continue to employ an instructor who was adjudicated in a judicial or administrative proceeding as having violated any provision of the Act or this chapter, or as having committed any act that would constitute grounds for the denial of a license under Section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Section 94885, Education Code; and Section ~~480~~480.2, Business and Professions Code.

Amend section 71730 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

71730. Administration.

(* * * *)

(g) The institution shall not employ or continue to employ any administrative personnel who were adjudicated in a judicial or administrative proceeding as having violated any provision of the Act or this chapter or as having committed any act that would constitute grounds for the denial of a license under Section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Section 94885, Education Code; and Section ~~480~~480.2, Business and Professions Code.

Chapter 5. Enforcement and Discipline

Article 3. Standards Related to Denial, Discipline, and Reinstatement of Approvals to Operate

Amend section 75060 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

75060. Substantial Relationship Criteria.

In determining whether any of the grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation set forth in Sections ~~480~~480.2 or 490 of the Business and Professions Code exist, a crime or act shall be considered substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of any

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owner, corporate director or member of the governing board, officer, or administrator under any of the following circumstances:

(a) The crime or act involves any violation of the Act or this ~~chapter~~division, Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. § 1070, et seq.), the closure of an institution, fraud or misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, any type of forgery or theft, or any type of dishonesty causing any financial loss.

(b) The crime, to a substantial degree, evidences present or potential unfitness to perform the functions and duties authorized or required by the Act or this ~~chapter~~division in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare, including a crime prohibited by Title 8 (commencing with Section 187) or Title 9 (commencing with Section 261) of the Penal Code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94877, 94885 and 94932, Education Code. Reference: Sections ~~480~~480.2 and ~~490~~ and ~~481~~, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 94885, 94887, 94932 and 94937, Education Code.

Amend section 75070 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

75070. Criteria for Rehabilitation.

In determining whether any of the grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation set forth in Sections ~~480~~480.2 or 490 of the Business and Professions Code exist, the Bureau shall consider evidence of rehabilitation and present eligibility for any approval issued by the Bureau, including all of the following factors:

(a) The nature and severity of the acts or crimes under consideration as grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation;

(b) Evidence of any acts committed after the acts or crimes under consideration as grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation that also could be considered grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation;

(c) The time that has elapsed since commission of the acts or crimes described in subdivisions (a) and (b);

(d) The extent to which the person has complied with any terms of parole, probation, restitution, or any other sanctions lawfully imposed against the applicant or licensee;

(e) Evidence of any rehabilitation submitted by the applicant or licensee;

(f) Total criminal record;

(g) Evidence, if any, of expungement proceedings pursuant to Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94877, 94885 and 94932, Education Code. Reference: Sections ~~480~~480.2 and ~~490 and 482~~, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 94885, 94887, 94932 and 94937, Education Code.

Amend section 75100 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

75100. Suspension, Revocation, or Probation of Approval to Operate.

(a) The Bureau may suspend, revoke or place on probation with terms and conditions an approval to operate.

(b) "Material violation" as used in section 94937 of the Code includes committing any act that would be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation under section ~~480~~480.2 of the Business and Professions Code.

(c) The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with Article 10 (commencing with Section 11445.10) of Chapter 4.5 or Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, as requested by the institution.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94877 and 94937, Education Code. Reference: Section ~~480~~480.2, Business and Professions Code; and Sections 94933, 94935, 94936, 94937 and 94940, Education Code.

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

(California Education Code (CEC) section 94890; 5 CCR sections 71390, 71480, and 71850).





MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 9, 2026
TO	Advisory Committee Members
FROM	Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
SUBJECT	Reduced-Credit Bachelor’s Degree Programs

Reduced-credit bachelor’s degree programs, generally understood as bachelor’s degree programs requiring fewer total units within a shorter timeframe than traditional four-year bachelor’s programs, are growing in prevalence across the country. Many factors are driving this trend. As students seek more affordable pathways to degrees, institutions seek to reduce barriers to degree completion, and employers seek to prioritize skills and workforce competencies, reduced-credit bachelor’s programs present an innovative program model designed to achieve a degree with a lower cost and faster completion time than a traditional bachelor’s program. As of March 2026, nearly 60 institutions are planning, considering, or have already launched these programs in some disciplines.¹

Several accrediting agencies and other states have published guidance or other documents regarding reduced-credit bachelor’s programs if institutions seek to offer them. This guidance varies—for instance, some accrediting agencies require a certain number of credits in a reduced-credit bachelor program, while others expect an institution to explain the reduction but do not necessarily define a minimum number of credits. Generally, an institution must continue to demonstrate breadth and depth of its curriculum in a reduced-credit bachelor’s degree program. One accreditor specifically requires a reduced credit bachelor program to be named “as something other than a baccalaureate or bachelor’s degree, such as an ‘undergraduate specialist’ degree...”²

The Bureau is assessing how to incorporate reduced-credit bachelor’s programs into the Private Postsecondary Education Act’s regulatory framework and seeks feedback from the Committee as it considers changes to allow such programs at accredited institutions.

Discussion Questions:

1. The Bureau is considering reserving approval of these programs to institutions approved by means of accreditation. In such a scenario, should Bureau regulations specify minimum standards that must be met, such as the number of total credits or program names, or defer to the accrediting agencies?
2. If the Bureau establishes its own minimum requirements, how should those be determined?
3. Are there other consumer protections or disclosures to consider beyond the context of program approval?
4. Does the Committee have thoughts, experience, or other questions related to reduced-credit bachelor programs the Bureau should consider?

¹ The Hechinger Report, ‘Faster, Thinner: Can Colleges Make a Bachelor’s Degree Three Years?,’ <https://hechingerreport.org/faster-thinner-colleges-bachelors-degree-three-years/>. March 2026.

² Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Reduced Credit Undergraduate Degree Guidelines. March 2025.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 5. BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
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, and 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, which shall include:

(i) The name of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code; and

(ii) The percentage of the institution that is owned or controlled by each person.

(C) The form of business organization of the institution;

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

(E) 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;

(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; and

(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.~~

~~(B)(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 form of business organization of the institution. If the institution is incorporated, the institution shall also identify the state within which the institution is incorporated and the date of incorporation, and provide copies of the articles of incorporation.

(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 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 they are 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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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: Sections 94890 and 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 completed application with the requirements of this section;

(2) A 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, which shall include:

(i) The name of each person, as defined in section 94855 of the Code; and

(ii) The percentage of the institution that is owned or controlled by each person.

(C) The form of business organization of the institution;

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

(E) 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.

(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;

(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; and

(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 form of business organization of the institution. If the institution is incorporated, the institution shall also identify the state within which the institution is incorporated and the date of incorporation, and provide copies of the articles of incorporation.

(6) 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 they are the designated agent for service of process.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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) 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. 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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.

Amend section 71850 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 71850. Minimum Educational Requirements in Order to Award an Undergraduate Degree.

(a) Graduation requirements for an undergraduate degree program shall meet minimum credit requirements and shall include provisions for general education appropriate to the level and type of degree. The institution shall specify the distribution of general education credit requirements by subject area for each undergraduate degree program.

(~~b~~) A Bachelor's degree may be awarded to a student whom the institution can document has achieved sequential learning equivalent in general education and equivalent in depth of achievement in a designated major field to that acquired in four years of study beyond high school, as measured by a minimum of 120 semester credits or its equivalent. At least 25 percent of the credit requirements for a Bachelor's degree shall be in general education.

(1) If an institution approved to operate by means of its accreditation seeks to award a student a Bachelor's degree with fewer than 120 but at least 90 semester credits or its equivalent, it may deviate from the standards described in subdivision (b), if the deviations for that program are approved by the institution's accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(A) Any Bachelor's degree programs offered with reduced credit requirements must include reference to the reduced-credit nature of the educational program in its name and all descriptions of the educational program. Any known or potential implications for employment qualification, admission to graduate studies, transfer of credit, or professional licensure must be communicated to prospective students.

(c**b**) An Associate degree may be awarded only to a student whom the institution can document has achieved sequential learning equivalent to that acquired in two years of study beyond high school, as measured by a minimum of 60 semester credits or its equivalent. Except as provided in subdivision (e**d**) of this section, at least 25 percent of the credit requirements for an Associate degree shall be in general education.

(d**e**) The Specialized Associate degree (Occupational) or the Associate of Applied Science degree may be awarded only to a student who completes at least the learning outcomes equivalent to a minimum of 60 semester credits or the equivalent. A minimum of seventy-five percent of the credits shall be in the occupational area for which training is offered. The general education offered as part of a Specialized Associate degree (Occupational) or an Associate of Applied Science degree program shall be such as is necessary for a student to achieve the educational objectives of the program in which the student is enrolled. General education shall be at the same level of quality as that taught in approved Bachelor's or Associate degree programs.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Section 94885, Education Code.

7. Sunset Review and Legislative Update (Assembly Bill 2771)



8. Future Agenda Items



9. Adjournment

