



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **A-TECHNICAL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES CLOSURE**

*Students Eligible for Loan Relief, Transfers, Refunds*

SACRAMENTO – A-Technical College in Huntington Park, CA, has informed the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) that the school intends to close on August 15. If you are a student of A-Technical College, BPPE wants you to know that state and federal debt relief and financial assistance programs are available, and staff of BPPE’s Office of Student Assistance and Relief (OSAR) are standing by to help you protect your educational and financial well-being.

“Since being informed of their closure, the bureau has been working swiftly with OSAR to ensure students are aware of their options,” said Dr. Michael Marion, chief of BPPE. “We want to make sure students are protected and their future educational needs are met.”

When a school announces a closure, students have the right to request a refund from the school, request a transfer, or participate in a teach-out if one is offered. Students can also seek financial assistance in the form of a federal closed school discharge, or via the state’s Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF).

OSAR works one-on-one with students to help them understand their rights, obtain academic and financial records from the school, and apply for relief programs.

“What to do when a postsecondary school closes is a tricky landscape to navigate,” said Scott Valverde, chief of OSAR. “But we’re here to help provide students with information and support so that they can determine the best way to move forward, whether that’s a transfer to another school to continue their education or help securing documentation and apply for a federal closed school discharge, or access relief through STRF. We know there’s no cookie-cutter solution that works for everyone, so we work one-on-one with students, and all of the services offered by OSAR are free of charge to students.”

OSAR is currently in the process of scheduling in-person workshops for A-Technical students. Students are encouraged to monitor OSAR’s website regularly and follow its [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for up-to-date information on the resources available to students impacted by their school’s closure. Students may direct any questions for the Office of Student Assistance and Relief to (888) 370-7589, Option #5 or email [osar@dca.ca.gov](mailto:osar@dca.ca.gov).