

Reimagine Apply: Spring 2026 Update

What is Reimagine Apply?

The vision of the Reimagine Apply transformation is to make the application process quick and easy, ensuring accessibility and equity when applying to the California Community Colleges, ultimately opening doors for career advancement and a brighter future for all students.

Why Reimagine CCCApply?

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, in partnership with Higher Digital, is leading the transformation of CCCApply into a student-centered, mobile-first application system. This initiative aims to improve the user experience, streamline the application process, support equitable access, increase data accuracy, and mitigate fraud risks. This initiative will result in a new student application that is custom-built to meet the needs of the California Community Colleges system and its students.

Current Phase: Configuration & Testing

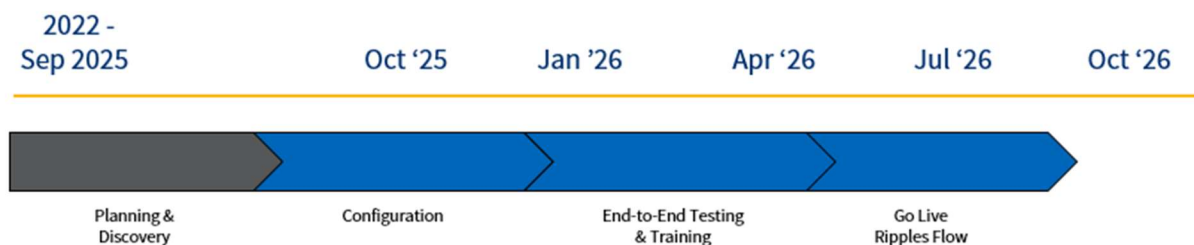
Initial User Acceptance Testing took place in February 2026, performed by members of the Wave 1 Reimagine Apply Implementation Advisory Group (IAG), the steering committee, members of the Chancellor’s Office, and staff invited by those groups. Eleven Wave 1 districts (below) have members of these committees engaged on a weekly and biweekly basis from financial aid, admissions & records, institutional research, student services, and technology & operations.

Wave 1 Districts

El Camino	Imperial	Los Angeles	North Orange County
Peralta	San Diego	San Francisco	Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint
South Orange	Ventura County	Yuba	

Colleges ready to join **Wave 2** should complete this [brief form](#) by the end of April 2026. The next wave will kick off in the third quarter.

Wave 1 Timeline



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Recent Progress

1. Final question set has been determined, reducing the number of questions for potential students to answer. Logic drives the questions, so applicants only provide relevant information.
2. Initial user acceptance testing closed at the end of February 2026. One tester said:

“It only took me about 7 minutes to complete the application!”

3. Residency determination has been simplified, with deep discussion through regular meetings with the IAG and Steering Committee. These sessions highlight challenging issues for discussion and resolution prior to go live.
4. Name testing for the new application is underway, surveying students and community groups that represent the general population, including those under 18 years old.
5. To ensure success as each district launches the new system, a ripple flow of launch dates will start after the system goes live on June 1.

How to Learn More

- Go to the Chancellor’s Office Reimagine Apply [webpage](#), and submit questions through the [feedback form](#)
- Speak with Wave 1 districts’ IAG representatives and Steering Committee member
- Attend spring conference(s) and go to the Chancellor’s Office update and any Reimagine Apply sessions
- Send an email to Reimagine.Apply@Higher.Digital
- Watch Vision in Action and Today’s News newsletters for periodic updates
- Sign up for Reimagine Apply Office Hours when they launch in April
- Attend the May systemwide webinar, which gives an update of the Reimagine Apply initiative