

**15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION
REGARDING
ACADEMIC RENEWAL**

15-Day Notice published April 17, 2026

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges hereby provides notice of changes to the above-referenced proposed regulatory action that was the subject of a public hearing on March 24, 2026. Section 206, subdivision (c), of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors requires the Board to renotify a proposed regulatory action where the proposed regulations have been previously considered, are being modified, and the modifications are substantial and sufficiently related to the text of the previously-proposed regulations.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT

Following the 45-day comment period that ended on April 11, 2026, and the March 24, 2026, Board of Governors meeting, changes were made to this regulatory action in proposed section 55000, subdivision (x) and section 55046, subdivisions (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4). The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will present this regulatory action to the Board of Governors at its May 19, 2026 meeting. The changes are submitted for an additional 15-day comment period effective today, April 17, 2026.

The changes to the proposed regulatory action are denoted by double underline for additions to the text and ~~double-strikeout~~ for deletions from the text.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice. The Chancellor's Office will respond to comments received that are related only to the revisions made to title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 55000, subdivision (x) and section 55046, subdivisions (c)(1), (c)(2), (c)(3), and (c)(4) after the close of the 15-day comment period. Comments should be addressed to:

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Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2026. All written comments received by Chancellor's Office staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors may adopt the proposed regulatory action substantially as described in this notice or may modify the proposed regulatory action if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

This is a second reading of proposed regulatory amendments to Title 5, sections 55000 and 55046 relating to Academic Renewal. The revisions seek to standardize academic renewal eligibility across the California Community College system and promote equitable access to academic renewal for all students.

The key proposed revisions being made for second reading are summarized as follows:

- In subdivision (x) of section 55000, rephrase and simplify the definition of "satisfactory grade" and include the grading symbol "CR" within its definition.
- In subdivision (c)(1) of section 55046, rephrase the language to clarify that there is no unit cap on the amount of course work eligible for academic renewal.
- In subdivision (c)(2) of section 55046, remove language creating ambiguity regarding whether community college districts may set higher requirements. Removal of the phrase "a minimum of" clarifies

that the standard set, six (6) semester or nine (9) quarter units, will be the uniform standard throughout the system.

- Subdivision (c)(3) of section 55046 is stricken as it was previously erroneously inserted into academic renewal. The concept of equivalent courses does not factor into academic renewal, but rather in alleviation of substandard work through course repetition.
- Former subdivision (c)(4) of section 55046 was renumbered to (c)(3).

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The changes made to the regulatory text after the 45-day public comment period have no substantive effect as they principally serve to clarify the language of the regulations and the currently-existing responsibilities of districts as reflected in the language presented at first reading. As such, the estimated cost or savings attributable to the proposed regulatory action is anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: *None*.

Cost or savings to state agencies: *None*

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4, of title 2, of the Government Code: *None*

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: *None*

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: *None*

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice are attached as noted above. Information upon which the proposal is based may be obtained online at:

[Office of General Counsel - Pending Regulatory Action](#)

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the May 19, 2026, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.