



**15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION  
REGARDING  
CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING & HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ARTICULATION**

**15-Day Notice published December 24, 2025**

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 November 18, 2025. Section 206, subdivision (c), of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors requires the Board to re-notice 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 December 20, 2025, and the November 18, 2025, Board meeting, changes were made to this regulatory action in proposed subdivisions (d), (e), (f) and (h) of section 55050 and subdivision (a) of section 55051. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will present this regulatory action to the Board of Governors at its January 13, 2026 meeting. The changes are submitted for an additional 15-day comment period effective today, December 24, 2025.

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, sections 55050(d), 55050(e), 55050(f), 55050(h) and 55051(a) 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 January 8, 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 55050 and 55051, regarding credit for prior learning and high school course articulation agreements, respectively.

Credit for prior learning (CPL) is critical and essential to achieving equity in access and success by recognizing the learning and skills that students have already attained—including veterans, apprentices, and working adults. Awarding CPL accelerates progress toward degrees and certificates: CPL is college credit awarded for college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a traditional classroom, such as through work experience, military service, or standardized exams. Vision 2030 recognizes CPL is a means to equitable baccalaureate degree attainment. A Vision 2030 strategic action aims to establish a systemwide infrastructure supporting colleges to assess and award CPL. The Governor's Roadmap for California Community Colleges sees the value of CPL in supporting workforce preparedness in high demand-career pipelines. The California Master Plan for Career Education highlights how CPL honors the knowledge and skills of experienced workers.

Based on comments received during the 45-day public comment period regarding the proposed revisions to Sections 55050 and 55051, the Chancellor's Office has decided to make a number of additional changes to the regulatory text originally considered at the Board's November 2025 meeting as set forth above. The changes to be made are minor revisions meant to make the language in Sections 55050 and 55051 more clear with respect to the requirements of each section. While a number of public comments recommended making more substantive revisions to the proposed language, the highly substantive nature of those recommendations required their vetting through the appropriate consultative bodies and processes. Accordingly, the Chancellor's Office will reach out to the appropriate stakeholders to engage in such consultation and remains open to making changes deemed to be necessary through these processes in future rulemaking.

## **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 existing language. Because these changes will not change the status quo, 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](mailto: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 January 13, 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.