California Community Colleges

September 2026
Workforce and Economic Development Division
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Workforce Pell and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulatory Updates to the Uniform Guidelines

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is actively preparing for the implementation of the Federal Workforce Pell Grant program intended to expand access to high-quality, short-term career technical education pathways across the system. In anticipation of the program's launch, the Chancellor's Office has engaged in strategic planning and technical consultations with federal and state partners to better understand implementation requirements, eligibility criteria, and compliance expectations.

The Chancellor's Office continues to monitor federal and state developments while preparing implementation resources to support colleges in their Workforce Pell planning. These efforts are focused on providing clear administrative direction, funding considerations, and student support strategies to help colleges successfully implement the program once official statewide guidance is released. Updates will be shared as additional information becomes available.

California Adult Education Program (CAEP)

CAEP Deliverable Deadlines:

- **Sep 1:** 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q4)
- **Sep 1:** 26/27 Certification of Allocation Amendment due in NOVA
- **Sep 30:** 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q4)
- **Sep 30:** 26/27 Member Program Year Budget and Workplan due in NOVA
- **Sep 30:** End of Q1; NOVA carryover compliance snapshot taken at 11:59 pm

Upcoming Events:

- **2026 ELL Healthcare Pathways Statewide Convening**

  - **Registration is open** for *Pathways with Purpose: Advancing ELL Healthcare Pathways Programs for Impact and Sustainability*. Hosted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and WestEd, this statewide convening will bring together ELL Healthcare Pathways grantees and key stakeholders from across California's adult education landscape.
    - **When:** Thursday, September 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *(Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.)*
    - **Where:** Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport,18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine, CA 92612
    - **Cost:** This event is sponsored by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. There is no cost to participants to register.
    - **Click here to register!**

- **Vision 2030 – 2026 Noncredit Summit**

  - A statewide gathering for noncredit professionals to learn, share, and shape the future of adult education in California.
    - **When:** October 7–9, 2026
    - **Where:** Hyatt Regency West, Newport Beach, CA
    - **Register Here**
    - **Learn More!**

- **CAEP Summit 2026 Registration Open**

  - **California Adult Education Program Summit 2026:** Centered on the theme, *"Advancing Adult Learners: Access, Opportunity, and Success"*, this year's Summit will highlight the integrated and impactful strategies that California Adult Education Programs are using to expand access, close equity gaps, and support adult learners in reaching their academic and career aspirations. Join us in Santa Clara at the Santa Clara Convention Center October 27-30, 2026, in Santa Clara, California
    - **When:** October 27-30, 2026
    - **Where:** Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, CA
    - **Register Today!**

English Language Learner (ELL) Healthcare Pathways

- Visit the CAEP **CalAdulted.org event webpage** to sign up for upcoming events, including virtual office hours, webinars, and community of practice convenings.

CAEP Technical Assistance Project (TAP) Events

- **September 22, 2026:** ELL Healthcare Pathways Virtual Open Office Hours
  - **Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
  - **Registration Link**

- **Please address any questions to CAEP@CCCCO.edu.**

Apprenticeship

California Apprenticeship Initiative (CAI)

- The Foundation for California Community Colleges and the LAUNCH Apprenticeship Network have been contracted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to provide technical assistance to apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The Foundation will support general technical assistance needs and can be reached at **ApprenticeshipSupportNetwork@FoundationCCC.org**, while LAUNCH will provide specialized support in areas such as employer engagement and program sponsorship. Please feel free to work directly with your LAUNCH Regional Apprenticeship Manager for additional support.

- The Apprenticeship Team meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. for virtual office hours. Please feel free to join us for any apprenticeship/pre-apprenticeship questions you may have!

- Apprenticeship toolkits are now available in the resources section of the **Apprenticeship webpage**.

- Please review the CCCCO **Apprenticeship Course and Student Coding Guidance memo** carefully to ensure that apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship courses and students are appropriately coded in your local systems. Accurate use of SAM course codes (e.g. CB09 = A for apprenticeship courses) and correct student apprenticeship status coding (SB23) is essential for reliable statewide reporting, compliance with funding rules, and proper alignment with DAS registration requirements. Misclassification can lead to reporting errors, missed funding opportunities, and challenges in measuring program outcomes.

- The Chancellor's Office has issued the **FY 2026–27 initial related and supplemental instruction (RSI) allocations**, totaling $100.864 million for eligible community college districts and K–12 entities supporting registered apprenticeship programs. The allocation reflects a $2.757 million increase from the prior year and includes an RSI hourly rate increase from $10.32 to $10.61. In addition, the Chancellor's Office issued a **one-time $7.818 million reimbursement** to address eligible FY 2024–25 RSI funding shortfalls resulting from insufficient prior-year appropriations.

- **Please address any questions to Apprenticeship@CCCCO.edu.**

Economic and Workforce Development (EWD)

- **Industry Driven Regional Collaborative Grants:** 2nd Bi-Annual Expenditure and Progress Report **due 9/30/2026** for the reporting period March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026.

  The second biannual expenditure and progress report will be submitted through NOVA. Staff are currently working to open the NOVA system and continue to finalize the necessary programming. The EWD program anticipates the reporting system will be available within the next couple of weeks. Once the system is available, guidance will be sent to all IDRC grant recipients with instructions for accessing NOVA and completing the required expenditure and progress reporting

  NOTE: The EWD program anticipates extending the progress reporting deadline to allow grantees sufficient time to complete and submit their reports once the system becomes available.

- **Employer Engagement: Regional Coordination and Collaboration Grants Year One:**

  Reminder: All grant recipients were required to complete their close-out reporting in NOVA no later than **August 31, 2026**. This reporting includes:
  - **Final Expenditure Report**
  - **Final Progress Report**

  Please ensure that all expenditures have been recorded, all grant activities have been completed, and that your final reports accurately reflect the outcomes and accomplishments of the Employer Engagement funding. If you have any questions regarding the close-out process or reporting requirements, please contact the EWD Program at **EWD@cccco.edu**.

- **Please address any questions to Katie Gilks at KGilks@CCCCO.edu or Abigail Singleton at ASingleton@CCCCO.edu.**

High Road Construction Careers (HRCC) Partnerships Grants

- **Round One Grantee Reporting Due Dates:**
  - 2026-27 Quarter 1 (for the period from 4/1/26 to 9/30/26) **due by September 30, 2026.**
  - Final Report **due by October 31, 2026.**

- **Round Two Grantee Reporting Due Dates:**

  - 2025-26 Quarter 4 (for the period from 1/1/26 to 9/30/26) **due by September 30, 2026.**
  - Final Report **due by October 31, 2026.**

- Student-level data reporting for the final round will be **due by October 31, 2026.** The data submission period will be from 10/1/26 to 10/31/26. Communications and tokens will be sent out to all grantees in a future email around September 2026.

- The remaining payment dates and deliverables for the Round 1 and Round 2 grantees are shown below:

  - **Round 1**
    - **Payment Date:** 10/31/26
    - **Milestone Payment:** 20% of the grant amount (final payment)
    - **Milestone Deliverables (required for Payment):** All remaining grant deliverables mut be met, including:

      - Submittal and approval of semi-annual NOVA reports for the following reporting periods
        - 2024-25 Q3 (10/1/24 to 3/31/25)
        - 2025-26 Q1 (4/1/25 to 9/30/25)
        - 2025-26 Q3 (10/1/25 to 3/31/26)
        - 2026-27 Q1 (4/1/26 to 9/30/26)
      - Submittal and approval of the Final Report
      - Submittal and approval of the cross-walk of courses eligible for MC3 CPL and types of prior learning assessments required (to be submitted in the NOVA semi-annual fiscal report)
      - Final student-level data submittal

  - **Round 2**
    - **Payment Date:** 10/31/26
    - **Milestone Payment:** 20% of the grant amount (final payment)

    - **Milestone Deliverables (required for Payment):** All remaining grant deliverables mut be met, including:

      - Submittal and approval of semi-annual NOVA reports for the following reporting periods
        - 2025-26 Q2 (7/1/25 to 12/31/25)
        - 2025-26 Q4 (1/1/26 to 9/30/26)
      - Submittal and approval of the Final Report
      - Submittal and approval of the cross-walk of courses eligible for MC3 CPL and types of prior learning assessments required (to be submitted in the NOVA semi-annual fiscal report)
      - Final student-level data submittal

- **Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at CFortin@CCCCO.edu and Regina Malcolm at RMalcolm@CCCCO.edu.**

Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2026-27 Allocation**
  - Allocation memo has been released and posed on the **WEDD Memos Website.**
    - **SWP FY26-27 Allocation Memo**
  - The Enacted FY 2026-27 Budget included a $15.8 million **one-time** supplement to backfill the $60M redirected to RNI. Updated SWP FY 2026-27 Allocation memo will be released.
  - FY 2026-27 Project Plans are due in NOVA by 10/30/2026
    - **Project Plan Development Guidance**
- **Extensions (Updated Guidance):**
  - FY 2023/24 extensions granted beyond 12/31/2025 **expired on 6/30/2026**. Final fiscal reporting was **due in NOVA by 8/15/2026**.
  - FY 2024/25: Up to 3-month extensions will be considered under extenuating circumstances.
    - Extensions may be submitted to the Regional Monitor CC **strongworkforcehelpdesk@cccco.edu**. Extension requests must include:
      - Amount of unobligated balance (remaining funds)
      - Explanation of unspent funds
      - An expenditure plan detailing how these dollars will be spent by September 30, 2026
    - Fiscal reporting for approved extensions will be due 45 days after the extension deadline.
    - Any remaining unspent/unbudgeted funds after the extension deadline may be subject to return to the Chancellor's Office.
- **Fiscal Reporting due Aug. 15, 2026**
  - **FY 2025–26 Allocation**
    - Year 1, Q4
    - Activity Period: January 1, 2026 –June 30, 2026
  - **FY 2024–25 Allocation**
    - Year 2, Q4 and Final

  - Activity Period: January 1, 2026 –June 30, 2026

- Unallocated and unspent balances are reported to the Legislative Analyst Office and Department of Finance as requested. Please ensure that all fiscal reporting is up to date in NOVA.

- **Please address any questions to StrongWorkforceHelpDesk@CCCCO.edu.**

K12 Strong Workforce Program (SWP)

- **FY 2025–26 Round 8B**
  - **Round 8B Intent to Award memo**

- **Reporting**

  - **Round 8 FY 2025–26 Due**
    - 8/31/2026: Quarter 4 (Q4) Expenditure Report (January 2026 – June 2026)

  - **Round 7 FY 2024–25 Due**
    - 8/31/2026: Third Progress and Expenditure Report (January 2026–June 2026)

  - **Round 6 FY 2023–24 Due**
    - 8/29/2026: Fifth Progress and Expenditure Report (January 2026–June 2026)

- **FY 2026–27 Round 9 RFA**

  - RFA released on August 28, 2026. RFA and supporting documents available on the **K12 SWP RFA Website**. The RFA will launch in NOVA at a later date. Separate communication will be sent via NOVA when the application is available to submit.

  - LEAs interested in applying must have an executed data sharing MOU prior to receiving award.

- **Please address any questions to K12SWP@CCCCO.edu.**

Nursing and Allied Health

- **Allied Health**
  - No updates at this time.

- **Nursing**
  - No updates at this time.

- **Please address any questions to NursingApps@CCCCO.edu.**

Perkins V

- **Title I-C Local Assistance**

  - **July 15, 2026:** Quarter 4 reporting FY2025-26 is past due!
    - A note to all districts: Failure to submit quarterly reporting in a timely manner will cause delay in receiving reimbursement and may result in a Perkins funding **risk assessment**. The district should reach out to the assigned **regional monitor** with any questions and/or concerns regarding this submission date.

  - **September 30, 2026:** Final Reporting Deadline
    - The final expenditure report deadline for Perkins V (Title I, Part C) grants for the 2025-26 grant year is **September 30th, 2026**.

  - **October 15, 2026:** Quarter 1, FY 2026-27 fiscal and narrative reporting is due.
    - However, please be aware that the final report must be submitted before Q1 is submitted.

- **New Resource Forthcoming!**
  - The Perkins V Program is excited to announce the upcoming release of the Perkins V Project Director's Handbook. The purpose of the handbook is to provide a useful tool to understand the landscape of Perkins and federal education grants management for new and incumbent Project Directors. The release will be shared via Perkins listserv email.

- **Fall 2026 CCCAOE Conference**
  - The Perkins team will be presenting at CCCAOE in partnership with Michael Brustein. The focus on the presentation will be on the major changes at the Federal Level. More info to come in the CCCAOE sessions release. Please reach out to **perkinssupport@cccco.edu** with any questions.

- **Resources:**
  - **Perkins V Resources**
  - **Estimated Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Allocations under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Perkins V)**

- **Please address any questions to PerkinsSupport@CCCCO.edu.**

Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2)

- Grant in progress.
- Awardees have been announced:
  - **Regional Collaboration and Coordination Grant (Round 2) 2026–29 Intent to Award**
- RFA Resources are available on our **WEDD Grant Opportunities website**.
- Please address questions to **RegionalCoordination@CCCCO.edu**

Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP)

- RERP grant ended on **Sept. 30, 2025**. All grant deliverables are now overdue. If any of the following items are outstanding, please submit them right away:
  - End of Term report in NOVA
  - Final student-level data submission
  - Final invoice (please do not submit this until all other grant deliverables have been met)
- Final NOVA report, student-level data, and invoices were due **Oct. 31, 2025**.
- **Please address any questions to Cheri Fortin at CFortin@CCCCO.edu and Regina Malcolm at RMalcolm@CCCCO.edu.**