

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
TITLE 5. BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

PROPOSED REGULATORY LANGUAGE
Use of the Term “University”

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Amend section 74150 of Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

§ 74150. Use of the Term “University”

(a) For the purpose of this section, “university” means an institution of higher education that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education that confers a ~~master's or a doctor's~~ graduate degree upon the completion of programs of graduate or professional study, and that may also confer an undergraduate ~~bachelor's~~ degree upon the completion of programs of undergraduate study.

(b) ~~Unless previously approved by the Bureau, n~~No institution shall use the word “university” in either full or abbreviated form, or in combination with any series of letters, numbers, or words in its name or in connection with a description of itself or its educational programs unless (1) the institution is a university as defined in subdivision (a) of this section or (2) the institution uses other words in conjunction with “university” to prevent the use of “university” from being deceptive or misleading in any manner.

(c)(1) If an institution using the word “university” as described in subdivision (b) no longer meets the requirements of subdivision (a), it shall immediately, but no more than seven (7) days after it no longer meets the requirements of subdivision (a), submit an application described by section 71630.

(2) An application submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall meet the requirements of subdivision (b).

(3) Failure of any institution to comply with the requirements of this section will be considered a violation and subject to action by the Bureau.

(d) Subdivision (b) does not apply to an institution that was issued an approval to operate prior to January 1, 2027. For an institution that was issued an approval to operate prior to January 1, 2027 that submits an application described by section 71630 on or after January 1, 2027, the institution shall comply with subdivision (b).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803 and 94877, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94897 and 94932, Education Code.