

State of California

EDUCATION CODE

Section 78093.1

78093.1. For purposes of this article, the following definitions apply:

- (a) “Campus” means a campus of the California Community Colleges.
- (b) “Chancellor’s office” means the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.
- (c) “Credit for prior learning” means college credit awarded for validated skills and competencies gained through experiences inside or outside of traditional academic settings, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - (1) Military training and service.
 - (2) Industry-recognized credentials, certifications, and licenses.
 - (3) Registered and nontraditional apprenticeships.
 - (4) Workplace learning, internships, and employment experience.
- (d) “Credit recommendation” means a formal assessment of prior learning that recommends specific college-level course credits, general education area credits, or elective credits developed through evaluation by recognized entities, including the American Council on Education, California Community Colleges faculty discipline review groups, or local discipline faculty experts, and documented in detailed exhibits for faculty credit evaluation.
- (e) “Independent institution of higher education” has the same meaning as defined in Section 66010.
- (f) “Validated” means a formal determination by California Community Colleges faculty discipline review groups of all of the following:
 - (1) The skills and competencies gained through prior learning experiences are equivalent to California Community Colleges student learning outcomes or objectives gained through one or more college courses.
 - (2) The prior learning has been assessed using faculty discipline-approved methods and approved through established curricular processes and procedures.

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