

Required Identity Verification

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Identity verification is now a required step in the California Community Colleges enrollment process. It helps confirm that your information belongs to you, protects your information, and supports a more secure process for students getting started.



Getting Started

1 Create or Sign In to OpenCCC



Start by creating a new OpenCCC account or signing in to your existing account.

3 Verify Your Identity



You may be asked to verify before continuing or after completing the form.

2 Get Started with Your College



Apply through CCCApply or CCCStart, depending on the college you select.

4 Information Sent to College



Once your identity is verified, or you are cleared through an approved alternate process, your information can be sent to your college.

5 College Begins Processing



Your college can begin reviewing your information and helping you move forward with admissions, enrollment, financial aid, and student services.

Verify Now or Verify Later



Verify Now

Complete identity verification before continuing with the form.



Verify Later

Finish the form first and return to verification afterward.

⚠ Important

Choosing Verify Later does not skip the requirement. Your information cannot be sent to your college until your identity has been verified or you are cleared through an approved alternate verification process.

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Verification Pathways



If You Are Age 18 or Older

Most students age 18 and older will verify online.

You may be able to use:

- DMV Mobile Wallet, if you have a California Mobile Driver's License or mobile identification card
- ID.me, if DMV Mobile Wallet is not available to you or you are directed to use ID.me
- Local college verification, if you cannot complete online verification or need additional support

ID.me Update

ID.me has updated parts of its verification process to make document upload and video selfie steps clearer and easier to complete. For the most current instructions, use ID.me's official help resources at help.id.me



If You Are Under Age 18

Students under age 18 may follow a different verification pathway.

You may be verified through:

- Trusted organization data sharing
- Parent or guardian-supported verification
- ID.me with parent or guardian involvement, if directed
- Socure or another approved under-18 verification option, where available
- Local college verification
- A special admission or dual enrollment process

Follow the instructions provided in your form, email, text message, or by your college.



If Online Verification Does Not Work

You still have options.

Contact the college you plan to attend if you:

- Do not have access to the required technology
- Cannot use DMV Mobile Wallet or ID.me
- Have trouble completing the verification process
- Need additional documentation review
- Are under age 18 and need parent or guardian support
- Are getting started through dual enrollment or another special admission pathway

Your college can help you understand the approved alternate verification process.

Privacy Reminder

Identity verification confirms that your information belongs to you.

The California Community Colleges do not collect or store citizenship or immigration status through the identity verification process.

Support Resources

For general OpenCCC, CCCApply, CCCStart, or general getting started support, visit ccchelp.info.

For DMV Mobile Wallet support, visit dmv.ca.gov/dmvwallet.

For college-specific questions, including local verification, admissions, financial aid, or dual enrollment support, contact the college you plan to attend.

For ID.me support, use ID.me's official help resources, especially if your screen looks different from older guides or screenshots.