



AB 540 Requirements

1. Time and coursework requirements

California community college means either 12 units of credit per semester (or quarter equivalent per year) or a minimum of 420 class hours per year (or semester or quarter equivalent per year) in non-credit courses authorized by Education Code section 84757. Attendance in credit courses at a California community college counted towards this requirement shall not exceed a total of two years of full-time attendance.

A. Attendance for three full-time years or the equivalent at any combination of the following:

- California high school
- California adult school (established by a county office of education, a unified school district or high school district, or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation)
- California community college (maximum of two years of credit bearing courses can count toward this requirement)

OR

B. Three years of California high school coursework **and** three years of total attendance at a California Elementary school, California secondary school, or any combination of the two

2. Degree or Unit Requirements

Meet one of the following requirements:

- Graduated from a California high school (or attainment of the equivalent)
- Earned an associate's degree from a California community college
- Fulfilled the minimum transfer requirements from a California community college to a UC or CSU campus

3. Signed Nonresident Exemption Request

You also must have signed the California Nonresident Exemption Request, which states that you meet all the requirements to qualify for AB 540 status and, if you are undocumented, are in the process of adjusting your immigration status (or will do so as soon as you are eligible).

The exemption is not available for students who are absent from California, and are taking distance education classes from California community colleges.