

CCCAPPLY ID VERIFY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

California Statewide Requirement: Effective October 1, 2026: Identity Verifications for all CCCApplicants

Which students will be prompted to verify?

All students may be prompted to verify. Unverified adult applicants to Gavilan College will be prompted to verify after creating or signing into their OpenCCC student account. Minors may or may not be prompted to verify based on their affiliation with trusted partners and pathways

What does a student need to do to be able to verify their identity?

Select one of the digital verification methods:

DMV Wallet, students need the DMV Wallet app and one of the following pieces of ID:

- California ID card
- California Driver's license

(Recommended device: smartphone or tablet)

ID.me, students (including international students) need to set up an account and have one of the following pieces of ID:

- Driver's License (any state)
- State ID (any state)
- Passport (any country)

(Recommended device: smartphone, tablet, computer with front facing camera)

What if a student cannot use ID.me or DMV Wallet to verify their identity?

Students must be manually verified by Gavilan Admissions and Records staff in-person.

After a student verifies their identity, how long does it take to deliver the application?

Once the student is verified application(s) will be delivered to Gavilan College immediately.

Is there an opt-out to verify identity option?

No, all students may be prompted to verify. There is an Verify Later option for students who are not prepared to verify identity.

Students will be allowed to complete their applications, save it and return to verify at a later time.

PLEASE NOTE: the application will not be sent to Gavilan College until identification is verified.

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Can an undocumented student who does not have a California Identification still verify

Undocumented students can verify their identity using ID.me with a non-US passport.

Will noncredit students be required to verify their identity?

Yes

Are high school students required to verify their identity?

Dual enrollment students can be "staff verified" by authorized Gavilan Admissions and Records staff using a documented local id verification process

Are minors expected to verify their identity?

Minors are not prompted to verify as of October 1, 2026, but this may change in a future update. Gavilan College is still expected to verify minors through local processes or trusted pathway collaborations, such as dual enrollment registrations at local high schools. Applications from minors that are not flagged as fraudulent by CCCApply or CCCStart will be delivered to Gavilan College without ID verification. Applications from minors flagged as fraudulent will continue to be suspended in the CCCApply and CCCStart fraud utilities for review by Gavilan College staff.

ID.me and the California DMV mobile wallet will soon deliver ID Verification options for minors, so the Chancellor's may decide to prompt minors to validate their identity using these tools in a future release.

Will minors receive email notifications reminding them to verify their identity?

Since minors are not prompted to verify their identity, they will not receive any reminders.

Will minors see any difference in the application system after ID Verification for All goes live on October 1, 2026?

At this time, the application process will remain the same for minors.

What if a student applies to Gavilan College at age 17, then applies to a different college at age 18?

After the student turns 18, they will be prompted to verify their identity when they sign in to their OpenCCC student account to access CCCApply or CCCStart.

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If an unverified student has submitted an application prior to the ID Verification for All go live date of October 1, 2026, will that student be required to verify their identity?

Applications submitted prior to Oct 1, 2026 will not be affected by the new ID verification requirement.

How long does verification on an account last?

ID verifications expire one year from the date of their verification

When a student completes their application, then returns to verify their identity, is the application automatically delivered to Gavilan College?

Yes, as soon as the application is complete and the student is verified, the application is delivered to Gavilan College.

How long will an unverified account stay in unverified status?

An account will remain in unverified status until one of the following happens:

- The student verifies their identity using ID.me or the CA DMV Wallet with mobile driver's license.
- A Gavilan Admissions and Records staff manually verifies their identity

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