



VERIFICATION OF EXEMPTION

September 16, 2026

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RE: Verification of Exempt Status – Application Number 260721136515

INSTITUTION: Southwestern Law School

EXEMPTION: Education Code section 94874(i)

BASIS FOR EXEMPTION: WASC - Education Code section 94874(i)

The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) has completed the review of your Institution's Application for Verification of Exempt Status pursuant to the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Act) based on the application received on July 20, 2026.

The application demonstrates that Southwestern Law School has met the qualifications for exemption from regulation under the Act, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94874(i): *"An institution that is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges"*.

Pursuant to CEC §94874.7, this verification of exemption shall remain valid until September 16, 2028, as long as the institution maintains full compliance with the requirements of this exemption. Any of the following conditions will deem the institution ineligible for this exemption:

- there is a change/loss in accreditation;
- the institution is approved to participate in veterans' financial aid programs pursuant to Section 21.4253 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations unless the institution is *an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 66010*;

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- or any other factor, that would render the institution ineligible for an exemption under the CEC section 94874(i).

Additionally, exempt institutions shall comply with CEC §94927.5 regarding the retention of student records and transcripts and their submission to the Bureau prior to closing.

If you require additional assistance on this matter, please contact Gina Robles at Gina.Robles@dca.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Gina Robles
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