

The Political Reform Education Program (PREP) is a new program created by the Commission as an alternative to monetary penalties. The purpose of PREP is to educate candidates and public officials who have little or no experience with the Political Reform Act and have committed minor violations.

The mission of the Fair Political Practices Commission is to promote the integrity of state and local government in California.

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Similar to traffic school, PREP allows those with minor violations of the Act to learn how to comply with the law while avoiding a monetary penalty and a mark on their record.

Those who successfully complete PREP:

- Will have their Enforcement case closed with a No Action Closure Letter; and
- Will be exempted from paying late filing fees assessed by their filing officer for violations listed in the applicable PREP Agreement.

Completion of PREP will not be considered a prior record of violations of the Act pursuant to Regulation 18361.5(e)(7) when considering a future violation.

Benefits of PREP

Who Qualifies for PREP?

The Enforcement Division may refer a person to PREP if they meet the following general requirements for eligibility:

- Violations appear to be the result of low level of experience and sophistication of the party;
- Violations resulted in minimal public harm; and
- The person has not paid a penalty to the Commission for the same type of violation occurring within the last five years. A person who received a Warning Letter for the same type of violation occurring within the last five years may still qualify for PREP.

Specific requirements for eligibility for different types of violations are included in Regulation 18360.1, available on the FPPC website.



Course Offerings and Cost

- Statement of Economic Interests Course - **\$50**
- Campaign Course for Local Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees - **\$100**
- Campaign Course for State Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees - **\$100**
- Advertisement Course for Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees - **\$100**
- Campaign Course for Independent Expenditure and Major Donor Committees - **\$100**

More courses coming in 2026!



How to Enroll and Complete PREP

The Enforcement Division sends those who qualify a letter declaring their PREP eligibility and the PREP Agreement.

If a person decides to participate in PREP, they are required to sign and return the PREP Agreement by the given deadline. Next, the PREP staff contacts the person regarding their enrollment.

If a person chooses to participate in PREP, they are expected to:

- Complete the selected course and pay a fee for the course;
- Pass the applicable test;
- Complete a survey providing feedback regarding the course; and
- File or amend all the outstanding statements and/or reports, if applicable, and provide a date-stamped copy to the PREP staff.

Those who participate in PREP have 60 days to meet all the requirements of the Program.