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<i>Subject:</i> Pawnbroker Education Act Assembly Bill (AB) 2231: New Education Requirements for Pawnbrokers – Effective January 1, 2026		<i>No.</i> 25-07-CJIS <i>Date:</i> 09-24-2025	<i>Contact for information:</i> California Pawnbroker and SecondhandDealer System Unit CAPSS@doj.ca.gov

TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS) USERS

The purpose of this information bulletin is to inform all agencies that license pawnbrokers that pursuant to Assembly Bill 2231, the California Financial Code (FC) has been amended to include the mandate of education hours as a prerequisite to obtaining or renewing a license to be a pawnbroker. This mandate will not affect the California Pawnbroker and SecondhandDealer System (CAPSS).

Effective **January 1, 2026**, section 21303.5 of the Financial Code will require (1) applicants for a pawnbroker license to complete at least eight hours of prelicensing education and (2) current licensees seeking renewal to complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing education. The curriculum for such education shall be approved by the California Pawnbroker Education Council pursuant to the Pawnbroker Education Act, [Chapter 4 of Division 8 of the FC \(commencing with Section 21400\)](#). Upon completion of the training, the applicant or licensee shall submit to the licensing agency a certificate of completion issued by the California Pawnbroker Education Council. These provisions shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029, and as of that date are repealed. (See FC sections 21303.5(c), 21413.)

Law enforcement agencies who participate in pawnbroker-related enforcement shall enforce this new requirement. While CAPSS will remain unaffected operationally, licensing agencies should be aware that approval or renewal of a pawnbroker's license must now include a certificate of completion of the prerequisite education hours issued by the above-referenced California Pawnbroker Education Council, and they shall be responsible for recording receipt of the certificate in the CAPSS.

For more information on the California Pawnbroker Education Council, please visit:
www.californiapawnacademy.com.

For questions about this information bulletin, you may contact the California Pawnbroker and SecondhandDealer System Unit at (916) 210-3212 or CAPSS@doj.ca.gov.

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