

CALIFORNIA CHILD SAFETY COMPLIANCE

AB 506

Compliance Guide

Training • Background Checks • Prevention Policy
For California Religious Organizations & Youth-Serving Nonprofits

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Compliance Parts

AB 506

CA Law (B&P §18975)

12/31/26

CalVECHS Deadline

AB 506 Overview — What It Is, Who It Covers, What's Required

What It Is

A child safety law requiring all youth-serving organizations in California to meet oversight standards to protect vulnerable populations.

Codified in California Business and Professions Code §18975. Effective January 1, 2022.

Who Is Required

- ✓ Administrators
- ✓ All Employees (all roles, not just those working with youth)
- ✓ Regular Volunteers serving youth

Regular Volunteer: 18+ with direct contact or supervision of children for 16+ hrs/month OR 32+ hrs/year

What Is Required

Training

Child abuse & neglect identification and reporting training

Background Checks

Live Scan fingerprinting for all employees and regular volunteers

Prevention Policy

Written reporting policies ensuring suspected abuse is reported to external entities

 All organizations MUST enroll in CalVECHS by December 31, 2026 to continue submitting fingerprints and receiving state and federal CORI.

Part 1: Training — Mandated Reporter Requirements

What's Required

Administrators, employees, and regular volunteers must complete training in child abuse & neglect identification and reporting.

CA Office of Child Abuse Prevention (free):

- Does not specify required topics, length, or frequency
- No online record-keeping — must track completion manually

What We Recommend

Ministry Safe Training

- ✓ More comprehensive education on spotting groomers
- ✓ Stronger safeguards tailored for youth-serving organizations
- ✓ Better tracking and documentation options

Kingdom One's Above Reproach

- ✓ Covers all AB 506 requirements
- ✓ Taught from a Christian perspective

Mandated Reporter Training

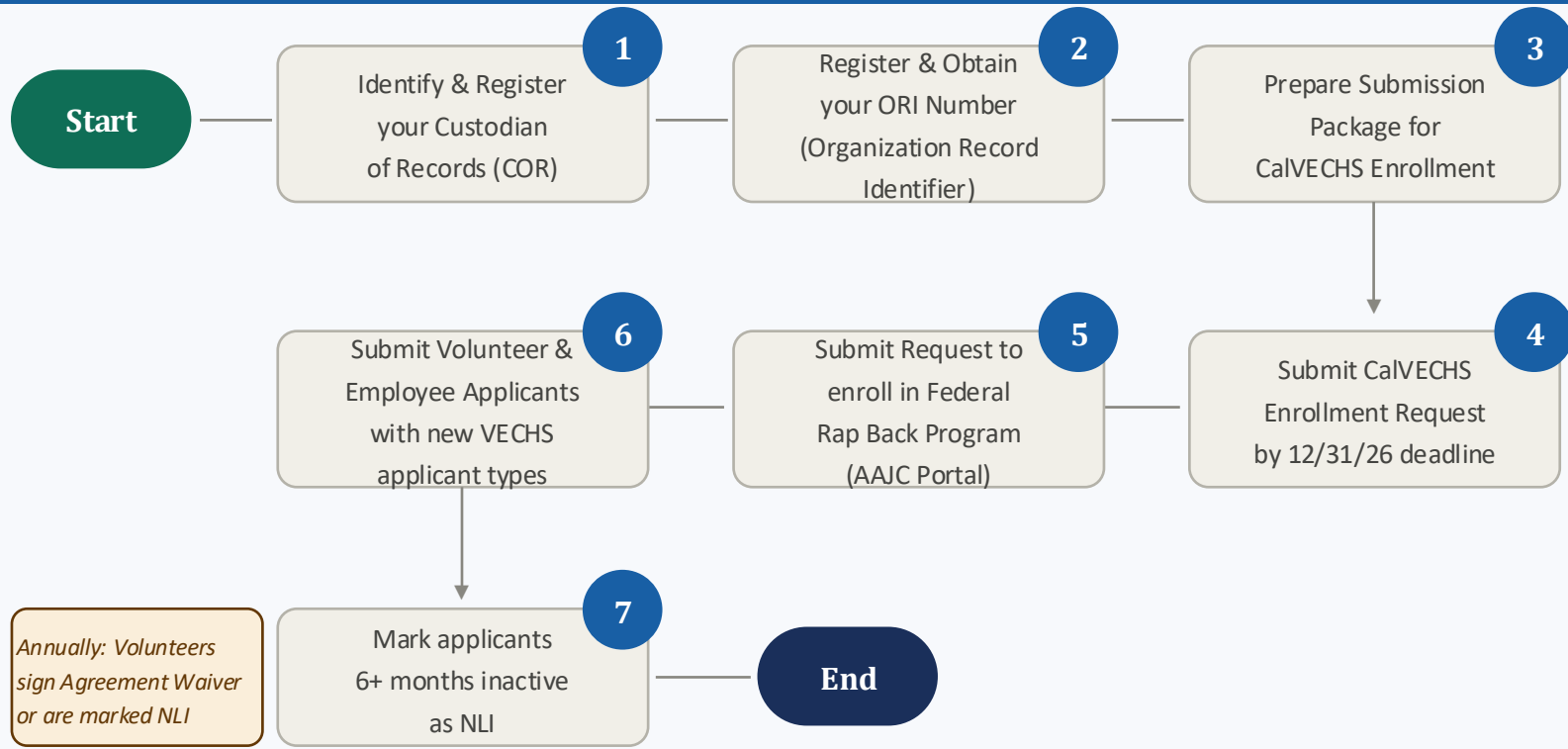
Helps volunteers understand their legal requirements and responsibilities as mandated reporters in California.

Includes legal definitions of:

- Child abuse and neglect
- How to spot evidence of child abuse
- How to report suspected instances of child abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse

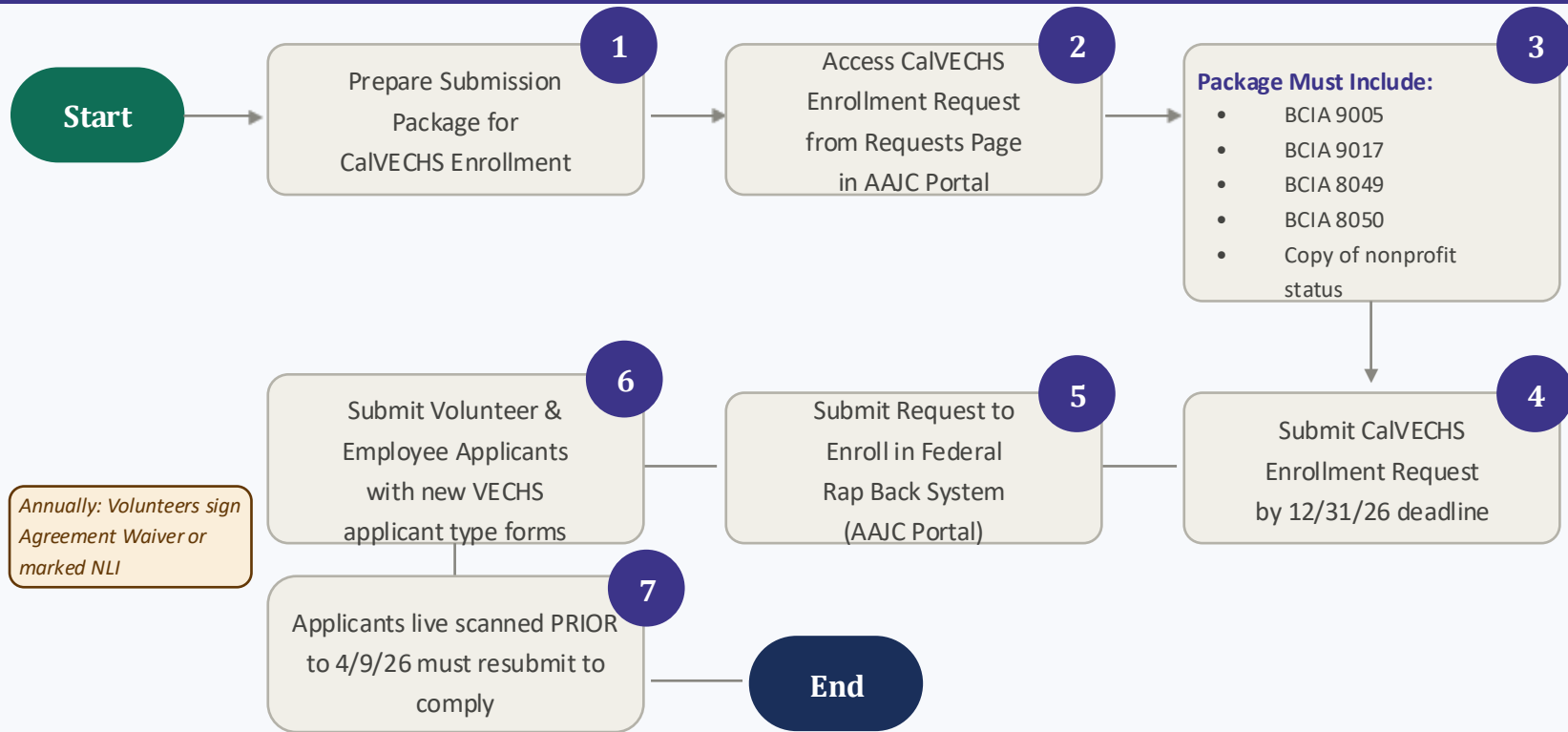
Training must be completed prior to working with youth. Maintain records manually — AB 506's free training has no online tracking.

Part 2: Background Checks — Roadmap for New Organizations (No ORI Yet)



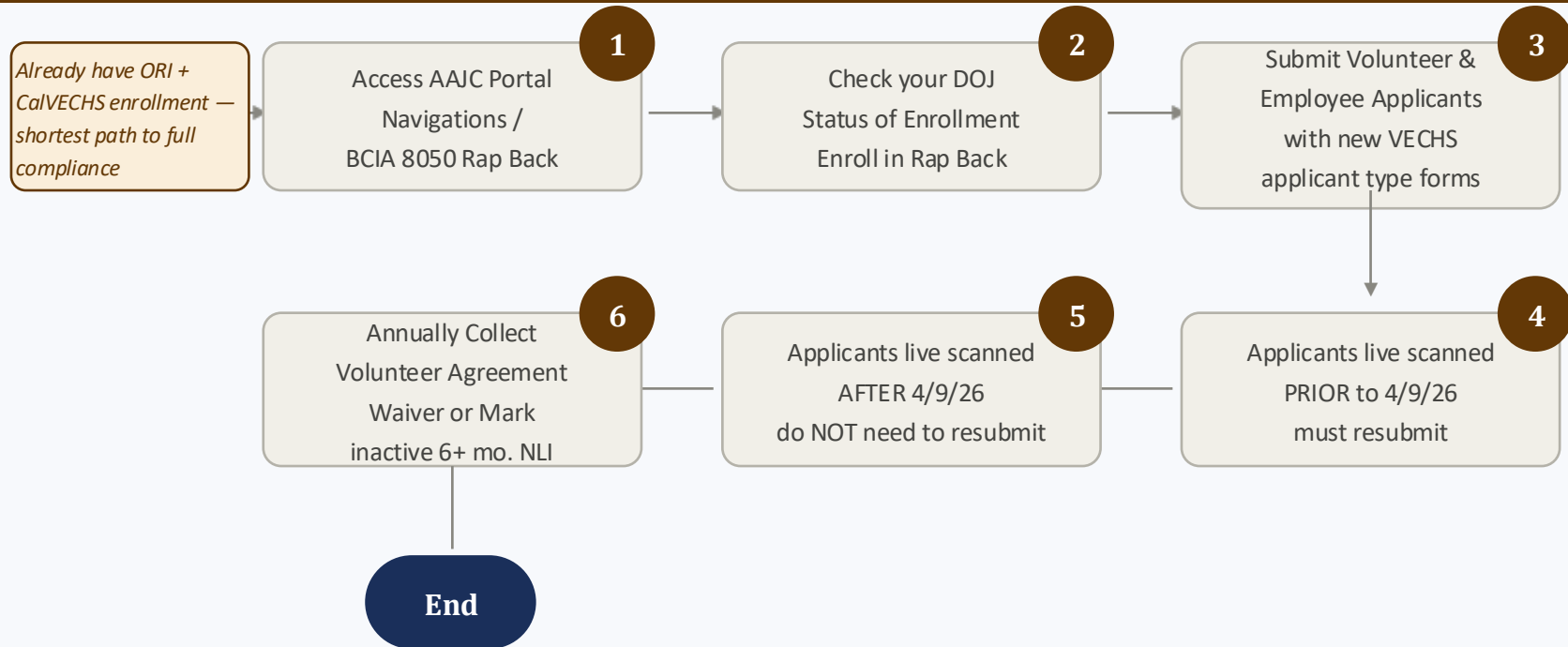
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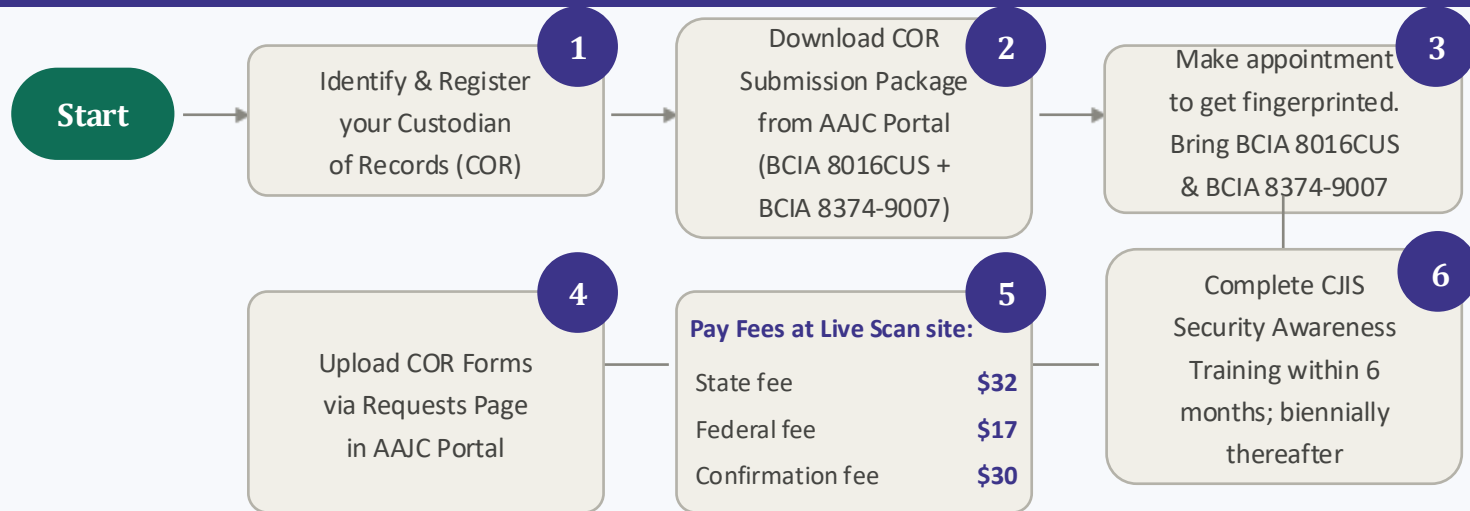
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Part 2: Background Checks — Existing ORI + Previously Enrolled in CalVECHS



⚠ All organizations must be enrolled in CalVECHS by 12/31/2026. Applicants scanned prior to 4/9/2026 must resubmit under VECHS applicant types.

Custodian of Records (COR) — Registration Instructions



Adding Additional CORs

AAJC Portal → Requests Page → Add Contact • Complete & upload BCIA 8016CUS and BCIA 8374-9007 • Submit COR's fingerprints via Live Scan • Have established Admin or COR submit their ATI number

For COR questions contact DOJ's Custodian of Records unit:

COR@doj.ca.gov

State \$32 • Federal \$17 • Confirmation \$30 • Provider rolling fee ~\$25–35 (varies)

Custodian of Records — Ongoing Responsibilities

Expertise & Compliance

Serve as the agency's expert on CORI security policies and act as primary liaison for DOJ/FBI audits.

Training & Access Management

Complete CJIS Security Awareness Training within 6 months and biennially. Manage CJIS account privileges and training assignments.

Secure Handling of CORI

Maintain CORI in a locked, secure location separate from personnel files. Ensure proper dissemination, storage, and destruction.

Security & Incident Reporting

Establish handling procedures against unauthorized access. Track, document, and report security incidents to CA DOJ.

Destruction of Records

Destroy digital media via overwriting (3×), degaussing, or physical destruction. Shred or incinerate physical records.

Notification of Changes

Notify DOJ within 5 days when a relationship ends via NLI in AAJC portal. Report any changes to agency info or COR status promptly.

Providing Criminal History

Provide an individual with their criminal history if it was used in an adverse hiring, licensing, or certification decision.

Statutory Authority

Maintain a list of statutory authority for conducting background checks to support audits. Use CORI only for its intended purpose.

Live Scan & Privacy Notices

Keep BCIA 8016 forms current. Ensure all applicants acknowledge Privacy Notices before fingerprinting.

DOJ plans to audit every organization. Maintain a written log of statutory authority and all background check records at all times.

Part 3: Abuse Prevention Policy — Requirements & Recommendations

What's Required

Organizations must develop reporting policies to ensure suspected child abuse is reported to external entities, including mandatory reporting.

Policy requirements:

- Require at least two mandated reporters present when supervising children whenever possible
- Exception: One-on-one mentoring programs are exempt if they implement screening, training, and regular contact policies for volunteers and parents

What We Recommend

Policy Should Include:

- ✓ Use DOJ-approved resources to create compliant policies
- ✓ Safe Interaction Guidelines
- ✓ Reporting Procedures
- ✓ Confidentiality Expectations

Additional Support

Support and assistance with creating and storing policies can be found by working with:

- ✓ Ministry Safe
- ✓ Safe Gatherings
- ✓ Mesa Network

These partners provide policy templates, training resources, and ongoing compliance support tailored for faith-based organizations.

Policies should be formally adopted by organizational leadership and reviewed annually. Keep signed copies on file.

AB 506 Compliance Checklist

Three things every California youth-serving organization must complete

Part 1 Training

All admins, employees & regular volunteers complete mandated reporter training. Track completion manually.

Before working with youth

Part 2 Background Checks

Obtain ORI → Enroll in CalVECHS → Submit Live Scan fingerprints for all staff & regular volunteers using VECHS applicant types.

Enroll by 12/31/2026

Part 3 Prevention Policy

Adopt a written child abuse prevention and reporting policy approved by organizational leadership.

Policy must be in place