



Agency Priority Goal (APG) Action Plan

Provide Regulatory Relief to Education Stakeholders

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Overview

Goal Statement

- By September 30, 2019, the Department will reduce the regulatory burden on education stakeholders by submitting to OMB no fewer than 25 deregulatory actions (against a baseline of zero (0) for FY 2015 and 2016).

Challenge

- The Department intends to reduce regulatory burden on stakeholders through review, rescission, and modification of outdated, burdensome regulations, information collections, and guidance.

Opportunity

- Overly burdensome regulatory requirements can adversely affect the nation's ability to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century.
- Reducing regulatory burden, including financial costs, on States, school districts, and schools, as well as other stakeholders, will help empower students, their parents, and local communities to achieve their educational and career goals.

Leadership

Core Team: Regulatory Reform Task Force (RRTF), comprised of senior career and political leadership across the Department and led by the Regulatory Reform Officer and Regulatory Policy Officer. The Goal Leader (Robert Eitel) and Deputy Goal Leader (Hilary Malawer) serve as co-chairs of the RRTF.

Goal Structure & Strategies

The goal is a two-year goal covering FY 2018 and FY 2019.

The goal will be achieved through a comprehensive review of the Department's regulations, guidance, and information collections to identify those that are overly burdensome, inconsistent with Administration priorities, unnecessary, outdated or ineffective. Based on that review, the Department will determine whether such regulations, guidance, or information collections need to be modified or rescinded and will then take appropriate action consistent with applicable law.

For FY 2018, the Department submitted 24 deregulatory actions to OMB.

For FY 2019, the Department intends to submit no fewer than 3 deregulatory actions to OMB.

Following submission of such actions to OMB, completion of review by OMB, and any applicable public comment periods, the Department publishes such deregulatory actions.

Summary of Progress – FY 2019 Q3

- In June, the Department submitted final Borrower Defense regulations to [OMB](#).
- In Quarter 3, the Department published a notice of proposed rulemaking on [accreditation and related issues](#) in the Federal Register.
- The Department issued final regulations, [Program Integrity: Gainful Employment](#), rescinding the gainful employment regulations. Those regulations failed to equitably hold all institutions accountable regarding student outcomes such as student loan repayment. The rule eliminates significant paperwork burden and administrative costs for applicable entities. The rescission will be effective on July 1, 2020. This deregulatory action is estimated to yield \$160 million in annualized cost savings (analyzed at a 7 percent discount rate, discounted to a 2016 equivalent, over a perpetual time horizon).

Next Steps

- The Department will continue to regulate and deregulate consistent with the actions in the Unified Agenda, and to evaluate potential future deregulatory actions through RRTF and workgroup meetings.

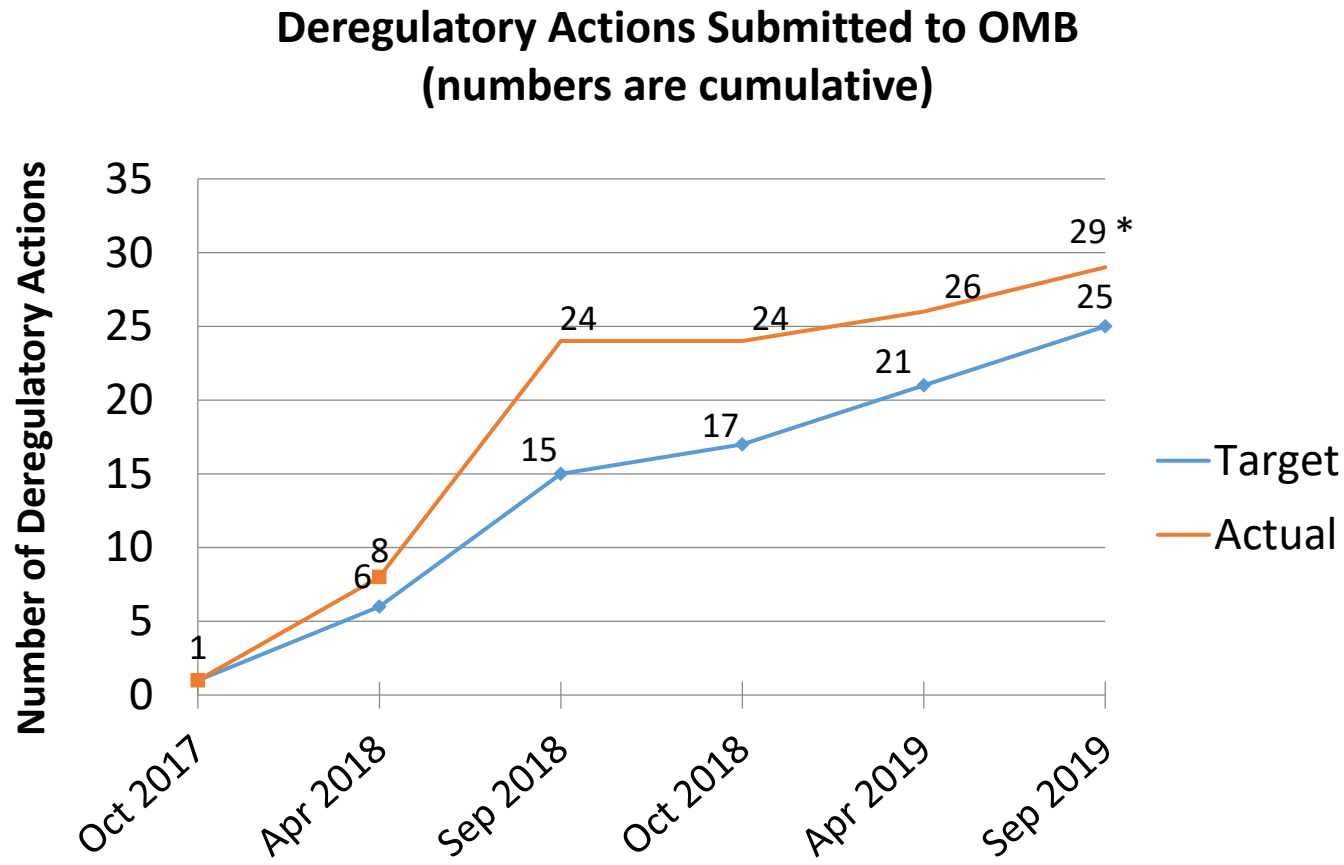
Key Milestones

Milestone Summary					
Key Milestone*	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Change from last quarter	Owner	Comments
Publication of Spring 2018 Unified Agenda	May 2018	Complete			The report was published May 9, 2018.
Publication of Fall 2018 Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan	Nov 2018	Complete			The report was published October 17, 2018.
Submission of Regulatory Review Task Force (RRTF) Report to Secretary	Nov 2018	Complete			The report was published December 21, 2018.
Publication of Spring 2019 Unified Agenda	May 2019	Complete	Report published		The agenda was published in May 2019.
Publication of Fall 2019 Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan	Dec 2019	On-Track			
Submission of RRTF Report to Secretary	Nov 2019	On-Track			

* Key Milestone "Submission of RRTF Report to Secretary" with target date of April/May 2019 previously included in FY 2018 APG Action Plans has been removed; this report will now be submitted on an annual basis.

Key Indicators

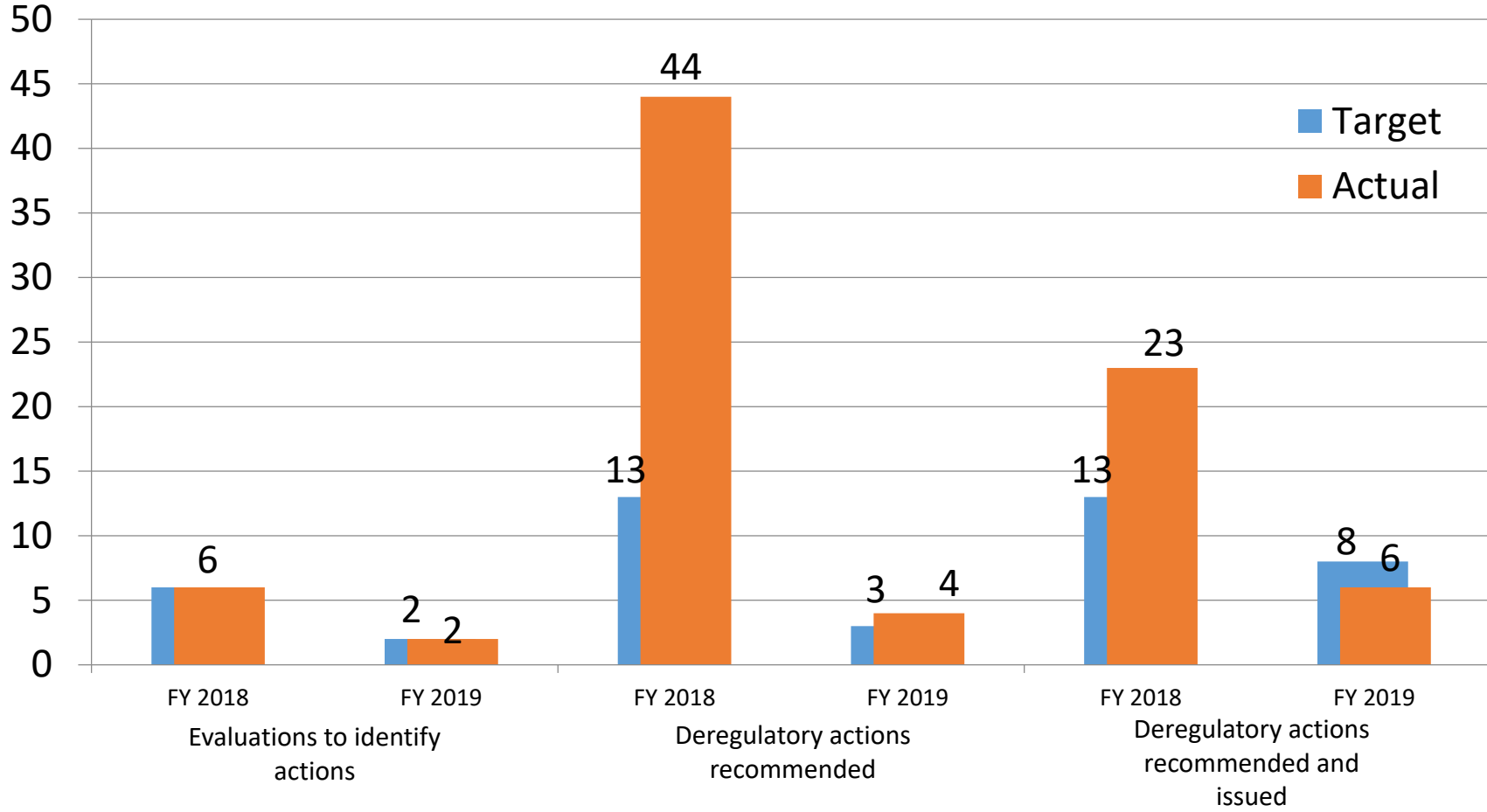
The graph below represents the performance targets that the Department will measure progress against in FY 2018 and FY 2019.



*September 2019 actual data represents activities through Quarter 3 FY 2019.

Key Indicators

The graph below represents the performance targets and progress in FY 2018 and FY 2019.*



*In FY 2019, the Department consolidated metrics on significant deregulatory actions sent to OMB with requests for significance determinations into a single metric tracking the total deregulatory actions submitted to OMB. See slide 7.

Data Accuracy and Reliability

Submissions to OMB are available on [reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov) or through electronic communications with OMB. The Department does not anticipate any data reliability concerns or other limitations.

Additional Information

Contributing Programs

All offices within the Department support this APG as it is directly related to Strategic Goal 4 and Strategic Objective 4.1. The Department will be collaborating with OMB on the submissions and review of deregulatory actions.

Stakeholder / Congressional Consultations

In addition to the Department-wide *Federal Register* notice seeking public comment, several Principal Offices have asked for the views of the stakeholders especially relevant to their offices in a variety of ways. Of note, we recently sought the views of stakeholders through the negotiated rulemaking process for numerous higher education issues, including accreditation, State authorization, distance learning and educational innovation, participation by faith-based educational entities, and TEACH grants. We reached consensus on all of the issues negotiated.

Additionally, the Department conducted Congressional consultation as part of the development of its FY 2018-22 Strategic Plan and the FY 2018-19 APGs.