



Agency Priority Goal 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 less 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- The Department intends to reduce regulatory burden on stakeholders through review, rescission, and modification of outdated, burdensome regulations, information collections, and guidance.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 parents, local communities, and students to achieve their educational goals and career ambitions.

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 (Elizabeth McFadden) serve as co-chairs of the RRTF.

Goal Structure & Strategies

The goal is a 2-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collections to identify those that are overly burdensome, inconsistent with Administration priorities, unnecessary, outdated or ineffective.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the Department will determine whether such regulations, guidance, or information collections need to be modified or rescinded and will then take appropriate action consistent with applicable law.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 intends to submit no fewer than 15 deregulatory actions to OMB.

For FY 2019, the Department intends to submit no fewer than 10 deregulatory actions to OMB.

Following submission of such actions to OMB and completion of review by OMB, the Department would then publish such deregulatory actions.

Summary of Progress – FY 18 Q3

- The Department collaborated with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to publish the Spring 2018 Unified Agenda on May 9, 2018.
- The Department established an internal working group to discuss general recommendations from the Committee's Report regarding agency practices with respect to making guidance documents easily accessible to the public. The working group is comprised of representatives of those offices that issue guidance. These same offices are represented on the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force (RTTF).
- The Department has also established a working group to review the Department's information collections to identify those that are outdated or need revision. The working group is currently evaluating these and costs savings that may be achieved through rescission or modification.
- The Department published two significant deregulatory actions at the end of the third quarter: (1) Delay of compliance dates for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services' (OSERS') significant disproportionality regulations; and (2) Delay of the effective date for Office of Postsecondary Education's (OPE's) State authorization regulations. These delays will provide cost savings to regulated parties over the next two years

Next Steps

- Fall 2018 Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan is scheduled to publish in October or November 2018, and will set forth the Department's key regulatory and deregulatory priorities over the next year.
- The RTTF will provide a report to the Secretary of the Department's regulatory reform efforts for the prior fiscal year. This will provide the Secretary key summary information about crucial regulatory and deregulatory efforts. It is the Department's practice to make the report to the Secretary available on the external website so the public will have information about the specific work and efforts of the RTTF.
- The information collection and guidance working groups will continue their efforts to rescind outdated collections and to create a portal for easier public access to the Department's guidance documents.
- Consistent with Executive Order 13777, working groups will continue their review of current regulations and issue guidance to identify outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective ones.

Key Milestones

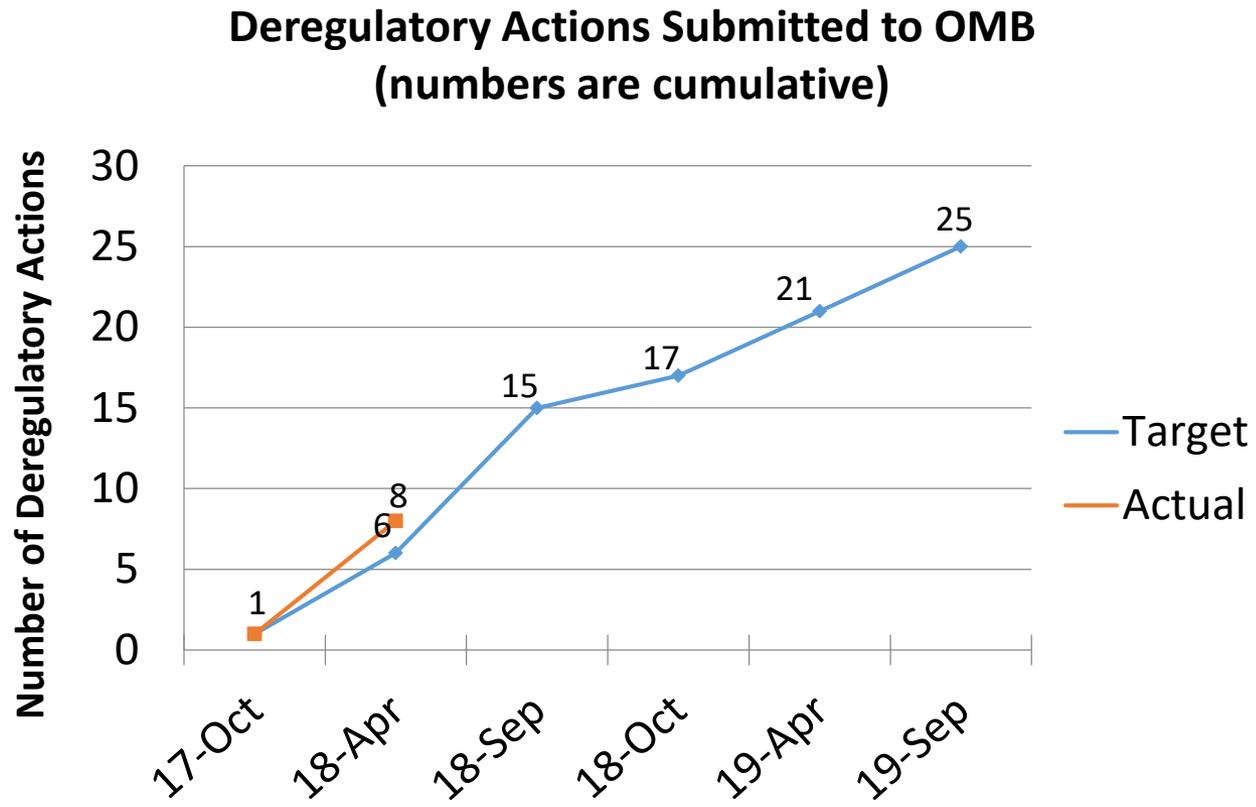
The deregulatory actions described on the previous slide are scheduled to occur over FY 2018 and FY 2019.

Milestone Summary					
Key Milestone	Milestone Due Date	Milestone Status	Change from last quarter	Owner	Comments
Submission of Regulatory Review Task Force (RRTF) Report to Secretary	Oct/Nov 2018	On-Track	Changed to update timing of report		
Publication of Spring 2018 Unified Agenda	May 2018	Complete			Timing is determined by OMB. The report was published May 9, 2018.
Publication of Fall 2018 Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan	Oct/Nov 2018	On-Track			Timing is determined by OMB.
Publication of Spring 2019 Unified Agenda	April/May 2019	On-Track			Timing is determined by OMB.
Publication of Fall 2019 Unified Agenda and Regulatory Plan	Nov/Dec 2019	On-Track			Timing is determined by OMB.
Submission of RRTF Report to Secretary	Oct/Nov 2019	On-Track			

* Key milestone “Submission of RRTF Report to Secretary” with target date of April/May 2019 has been removed given this report will now be submitted on an annual basis.

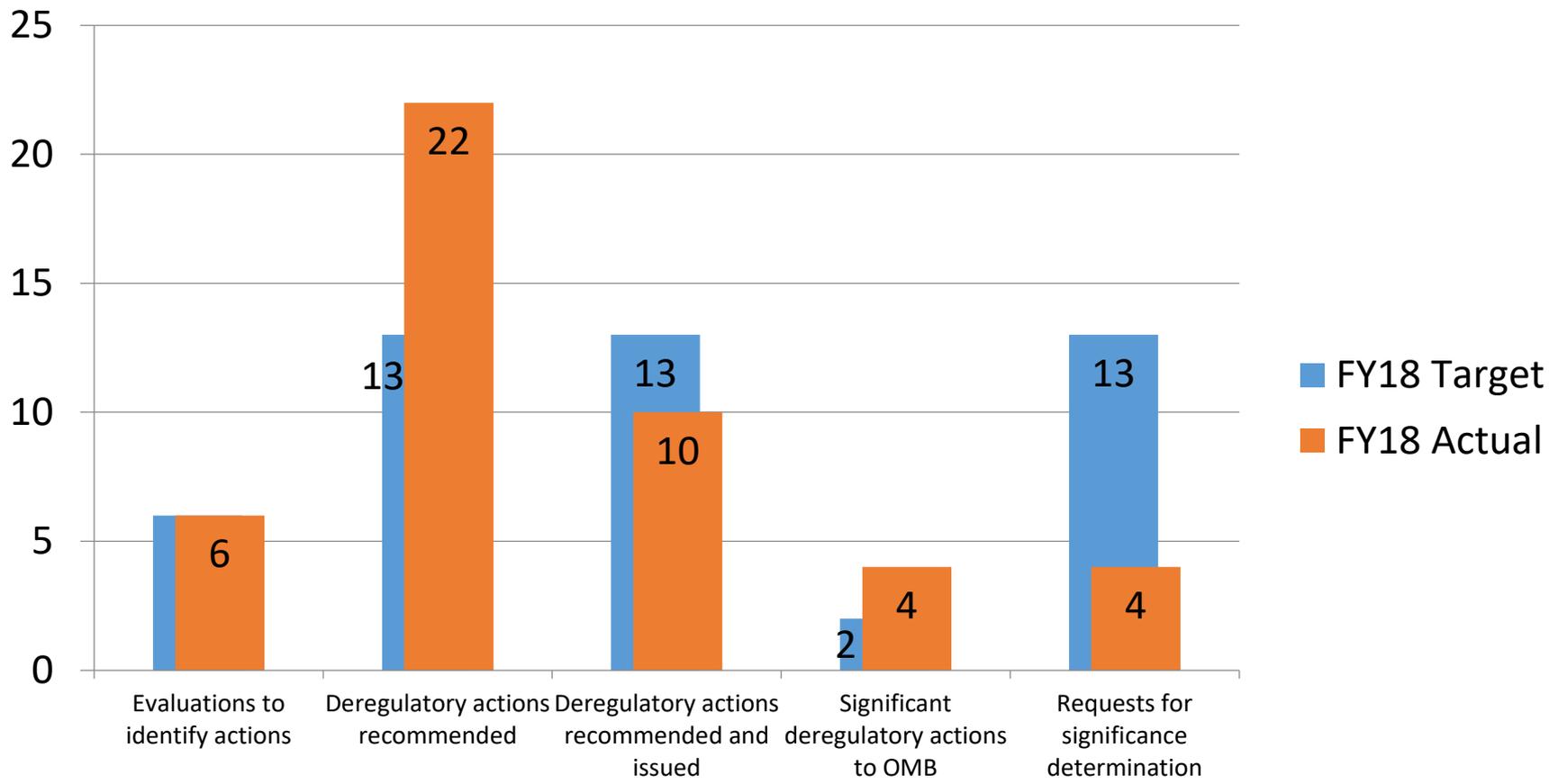
Key Indicators

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



Key Indicators

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



Data Accuracy and Reliability

Submissions to OMB will be reflected in [reginfo.gov](https://www.reginfo.gov) or through electronic communications with OMB. We do 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. The [October 2017 status report](#) provides a summary of these activities.

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