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# CUTTING RED TAPE

PROGRESS REPORT | APRIL 2026

## Overview

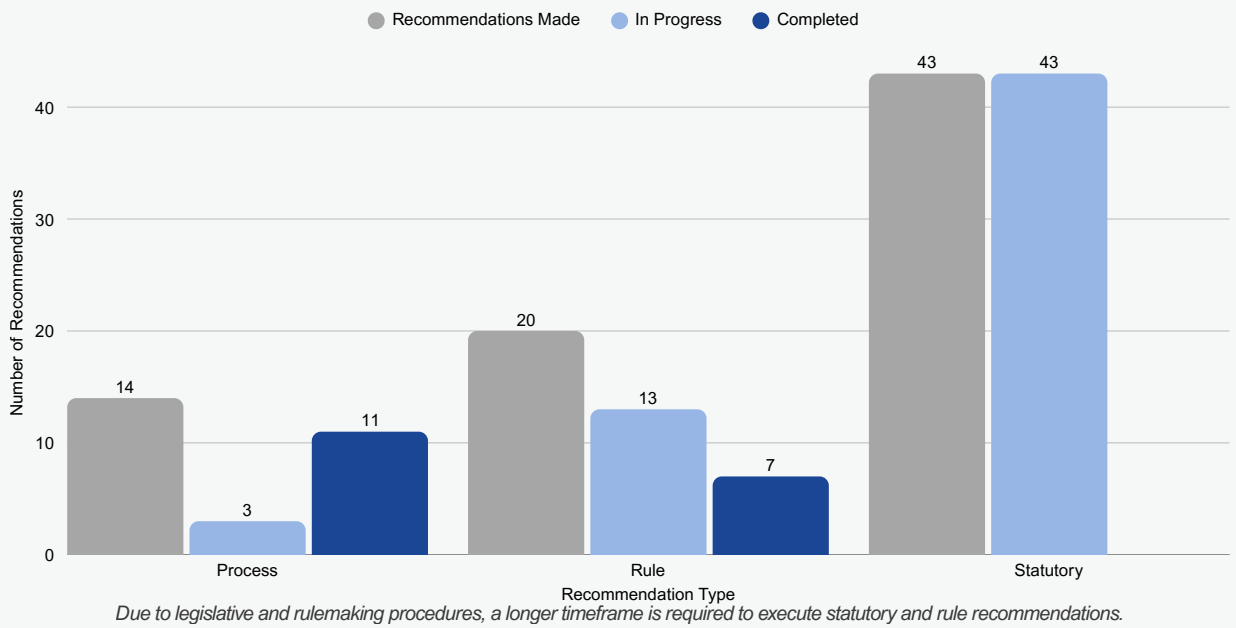
In February 2025, LARA released its Cutting Red Tape Report which included nearly 80 recommendations designed to make professional licensing more efficient, transparent, and accessible. The report focuses on protecting people and promoting business through common-sense reforms that reduce barriers to licensure, improve customer experience, and meet workforce needs.

## Recommendations Overview

A number of statutory recommendations are being considered by the legislature. LARA continues to work with legislative partners to ensure the bills reflect the recommendations made in the report.

### Progress by Recommendation Type

*as of April 2026*




*Due to legislative and rulemaking procedures, a longer timeframe is required to execute statutory and rule recommendations.*



> Every recommendation we put into action helps build a more efficient, transparent, and accessible regulatory system – one that continues to work for Michiganders.
>
> *- Marlon I. Brown, LARA Director*

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# COMPLETED RECOMMENDATIONS

| Program Area | Recommendation |
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| **Universal*** | Make the licensing process and exams easier to understand. |
| **Construction Codes** | Provide links to candidate information bulletins directly on the bureau webpage to aid exam preparation. |
| **Construction Codes** | Create interactive career maps and career navigation resources for all skilled trades. |
| **Construction Codes** | Standardize reporting of qualifying experience to expedite the licensure process for electricians, plumbers, and heating and cooling professionals. |
| **Construction Codes** | Eliminate the electrical contractor licensing exam as all electrical work already requires a licensed master electrician or journeyman. |
| **Construction Codes** | Adjust mechanical contractor testing requirements to align with other trades. |
| **Construction Codes** | Offer the plumbing practical exam more frequently in geographically friendly locations throughout the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. |
| **Construction Codes** | Clarify and update apprentice applications to better maintain registration and record qualifying work experience. |
| **Construction Codes** | Allow relicensure without testing for individuals who were continuously licensed in another jurisdiction. |
| **Professional Licensing** | Increase distance learning opportunities for chiropractors and occupational therapists to meet continuing education requirements. |
| **Professional Licensing** | Approve PACE as a continuing education provider for chiropractors. |
| **Professional Licensing** | Create Scientific Advisory Commission to provide additional expert guidance on controlled substances. |
| **Professional Licensing** | Eliminate jurisprudence examination for podiatrists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists. |
| **Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing** | Implement a citation program to provide timely resolution to violations cited during funeral home inspections. |
| **Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing** | Clarify education requirements needed for licensure within mortuary science programs. |
| **Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing** | Update administrative rules and establish requirements for continuing education in mortuary science. |
| **Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing** | Review and update the state mortuary science licensing examination. |

** Universal refers to recommendations that apply to all three bureaus covered in the Cutting Red Tape Report.*

## OUR WORK CONTINUES

The Cutting Red Tape Report includes nearly 80 recommendations to improve licensing and regulatory processes across Michigan. LARA remains committed to transparency, collaboration, and continuous improvement as we implement these changes.

Scan the QR code to read the full report.