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APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE
DECISION: CITATION MODIFIED

February 3, 2022

Sofia University, SPC, Owner
Sofia University
3333 Harbor Boulevard
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Date of Issuance	Citation Number	Institution Code/ Branch Code
February 3, 2022	2122091	79461402/ 67330314

On January 21, 2022, an informal telephone conference was held in the matter of Citation: Order of Abatement No. 2122091 (Citation) against Sofia University SPC, Owner of Sofia University (Institution). In attendance were Jason Alley, Acting Enforcement Chief and Chris Nguyen, VP Administrator and CFO.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 125.9; California Education Code, section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 2122091.

It is the decision of the Acting Enforcement Chief that on January 21, 2022, Citation No. 2122091 is modified and makes the following change(s):

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

#	Below you will find the California Education Code (CEC) and/or Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR code) section(s) of law you are charged with violating.
1.	<p><u>Violation:</u> 5, CCR Section 74006(a) and (b) - Annual Fee <i>“(a) An institution's annual fee is due within 30 days of the date on which the institution originally receives its approval to operate and each year thereafter on the anniversary of the date of the original approval. (b) An institution shall pay its annual fee in addition to any other applicable fees.</i></p> <p>CEC Section 94930.5 (g)- Fee Schedule <i>(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (d), effective July 1, 2018, the annual fee for each campus described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) shall be in an amount equal to 0.55 percent of that campus' total gross revenue derived from students in California, but not to be less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) and not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for each campus.</i></p>

CEC Section 94931(b)- Late Payment

“(b) A fee that is not paid on or before the 90th calendar day after the due date for payment of the fee shall be subject to a 35 percent late payment penalty fee.”

The Institution has failed to pay its annual fee for calendar year 2019 for the branch location.

On June 4, 2019, the Institution was notified, Invoice # 900342108, via mail at, 1069 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto, CA 94303, stating that the annual fee for calendar year 2019 was due on July 1, 2019.

On August 15, 2019, the Institution was notified, Invoice # 900343984, via mail at, 1069 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto, CA 94303, stating that the annual fee for calendar year 2019 was due on July 1, 2019.

On October 15, 2019, the Institution was notified, Invoice # 900343984, via mail at, 1069 East Meadow Circle, Palo Alto, CA 94303, stating that the annual fee for calendar year 2019 was due on July 1, 2019.

As of November 24, 2021, the Bureau has not received the annual fee from the Institution for the branch location.

Order of Abatement: The Bureau orders the Institution to submit its annual fees for calendar year 2019 for the branch location in accordance with 5, CCR section 74006(a)(b) and CEC section 94930.5(g). In addition, the Institution must pay all late payment penalty fees.

Reason for modification: New substantive facts were presented at the conference.

New Order of Abatement: The Bureau orders the Institution to submit its annual fees for calendar year 2019 for the branch location in accordance with 5, CCR section 74006(a)(b) and CEC section 94930.5(g).

Assessment of Fine:
The fine for this violation is \$00.00

TOTAL MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$00.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Bureau orders that you comply with the orders described in the ‘Violation Code Sections’ of this document and submit evidence of compliance within 30 days from the date of this decision.

APPEAL OF CITATION

You *do not* have the right to request another Informal Conference to appeal this modified Citation. If you did not initially request an Administrative Hearing within 30 days from when the original citation was issued, you can no longer request one.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

This modified Citation is effective on February 3, 2022. The Order of Abatement is due by **March 5, 2022**.

Failure to abate the violation within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Modified Citation and recover the civil penalties prescribed therein or found to be due after a hearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this decision or desire further information, please contact Tessa Barron, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-7791 or at Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov.

“Original signature on file”

“2/3/2022”

Christina Villanueva
Discipline Manager

Date

Enclosures

- Waiver of Appeal Rights
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail