



CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: California Truck School, Inc., Owner
Western Truck School
2742 Industrial Blvd.
West Sacramento, CA 95691

INSTITUTION CODE: 3401031
CITATION NUMBER: 1920131
CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: October 31, 2019
DUE DATE: November 30, 2019
FINE AMOUNT: \$ 2,550.00
ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: YES

Christina Villanueva issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement (Citation) in her official capacity as Discipline Manager of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to California Truck School, Inc., Owner of Western Truck School (Institution) located at 2742 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violations described below.

BACKGROUND

All institutions are required to submit a Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting Form to the Bureau no later than the last day of the month following the close of the quarter.

Pursuant to CEC section 94923(a) The Student Tuition Recovery Fund relieves or mitigates economic loss suffered by a student while enrolled in an institution not exempt from this article pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with section 94874), who, at the time of his or her enrollment, was a California resident or was enrolled in a California residency program, prepaid tuition, and suffered economic loss.

The Bureau sends notifications/reminders to all approved institutions 30 days prior to close of each quarter.

As of August 27, 2019, the Institution has not submitted the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for 2nd quarter of 2019.

Additionally, on August 22, 2019, Bureau staff conducted an unannounced Compliance inspection at the Institution. As a result, material violations related to record-keeping requirements and an ability-to-benefit test were detected.

VIOLATION(S)

#	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 76130 (a-e) – Collection and Submission of Assessments <i>“(a) A qualifying institution shall collect the assessment from each student in an educational program at the time it collects the first payment from or on behalf of the student at or after enrollment. The assessment shall be collected for the entire period of enrollment, regardless of whether the student pays the institutional charges in increments.</i> <i>(b) A qualifying institution shall complete the STRF Assessment Reporting Form (Rev. 2/10) and remit it with the STRF assessments collected from students to be received by the Bureau no later than the last day of the month following the close of the quarter as follows:</i> <i>(1) April 30 for the first quarter,</i> <i>(2) July 31 for the second quarter,</i> <i>(3) October 31 for the third quarter, and</i> <i>(4) January 31 for the fourth quarter. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or State or federal holiday, the due date shall be extended to the next regular business day for the Bureau.</i> <i>If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or State or federal holiday, the due date shall be extended to the next regular business day for the Bureau.</i> <i>(c) The STRF Assessment Reporting Form shall contain the following information:</i> <i>(1) Total number of students who signed enrollment agreements for educational programs during the reporting period; and</i> <i>(2) Total number of students eligible for STRF who signed enrollment agreements for educational programs during the reporting period; and</i> <i>(3) The total number of students who signed their enrollment agreement during the reporting period, were eligible for STRF, and who made their first payment during the reporting period; and</i> <i>(4) The total number of students who signed their enrollment agreement in a previous reporting period, were eligible for STRF, and who made their first payment during the current reporting period; and</i> <i>(5) Total amount of institutional charges after rounding each student's institutional charges to the nearest \$1,000, for all eligible STRF students whose STRF assessment was collected in the reporting period; and</i> <i>(6) Current contact telephone number of the person preparing the form; and</i> <i>(7) A declaration dated and signed under penalty of perjury by the person preparing the form that the form and any attachments are true and correct.</i> <i>(d) In the event of a school closure, any collected assessments shall be remitted to the Bureau within seven days following the cessation of instruction.</i> <i>(e) Submission of all prior reports and assessments required by this section is a condition of renewal.”</i></p> <p>The Institution has failed to submit STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the following quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Quarter of 2019 <p>On June 24, 2019, the Institution was notified via mail at P.O. Box 980393, West Sacramento, CA 95798, that the STRF Assessment Reporting Forms for the 2nd quarter of 2019 was due. As of August</p>

27, 2019, the Bureau has not received the STRF Assessment Reporting Form from the Institution.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders that the Institution submit the delinquent STRF Assessment Reporting Form with the STRF Assessments collected from students for the quarter listed above. The Institution shall also submit the student information to substantiate the data reported on the STRF Assessment Reporting Form. The information provided shall comply with "Record Keeping Requirements" Pursuant to 5, CCR section 76140.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$50.00

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Violation:

5, CCR Section 76140(a)(1-13)(b) – Record-Keeping Requirements

(a) A qualifying institution shall collect and maintain records of student information to substantiate the data reported on the STRF Assessment Reporting Form and records of the students' eligibility under the Fund. Such records shall include the following for each student:

- (1) Student identification number,*
- (2) First and last names,*
- (3) Email address,*
- (4) Local or mailing address,*
- (5) Address at the time of enrollment,*
- (6) Home address,*
- (7) Date enrollment agreement signed,*
- (8) Courses and course costs,*
- (9) Amount of STRF assessment collected,*
- (10) Quarter in which the STRF assessment was remitted to the Bureau,*
- (11) Third-party payer identifying information,*
- (12) Total institutional charges charged, and*
- (13) Total institutional charges paid.*

(b) The qualifying institution shall maintain the data required under this section in an electronic format that is readily available and open to inspection by the Bureau upon request. The institution shall make the records immediately available to a Bureau representative conducting a site inspection or, upon written request, shall provide a copy within 14 calendar days of the request. All records shall be provided to the Bureau in an intelligible and orderly manner and in an electronic format.

5, CCR Section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

(e) All records that the institution is required to maintain by the Act or this chapter shall be made immediately available by the institution for inspection and copying during normal business hours by the Bureau and any entity authorized to conduct investigations.

The Institution failed to collect and maintain supporting documentation for STRF forms submitted to the Bureau.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy or procedure of how future compliance with 5, CCR Sections 76140 and 71930 will be maintained.

Assessment of Fine

The fine for this violation is \$1,500.00

3.	<p><u>Violation:</u> CEC Section 94904(a)(b) – Ability to Benefit Students <i>(a) Except as provided in subdivision (c), before an ability-to-benefit student may execute an enrollment agreement, the institution shall have the student take an independently administered examination from the list of examinations prescribed by the United States Department of Education pursuant to Section 484(d) of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070a et seq.). The student shall not enroll unless the student achieves a score, as specified by the United States Department of Education, demonstrating that the student may benefit from the education and training being offered.</i> <i>(b) If the United States Department of Education does not have a list of relevant examinations that pertain to the intended occupational training, the bureau may publish its own list of acceptable examinations and required passing scores.</i></p> <p style="color: red;">The Institution administers the WRAT3 (Wide Range Achievement Test Revision 3) which is not approved by the Bureau to be used as an ATB Test. The Institution does not have Bureau approval to offer and administer an alternate ATB test.</p> <p><u>Order of Abatement:</u> The Bureau orders the Institution to submit to the Bureau the name of the ATB examination that they would like to utilize that meets the requirements of CEC section 94904(a)(b).</p> <p><u>Assessment of Fine:</u> The fine for this violation is \$1,000.00</p>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$2,550.00	

ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94936; and 5, CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fine in the amount of **\$2,550.00** for the violations described above. **Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.**

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5, CCR section 75020 the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. **Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.**

APPEAL OF CITATION

You have the right to contest this Citation through an informal conference with the Bureau; and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this Citation, you must submit the 'Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference **and/or** Administrative Hearing' form (enclosed) within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation. *If you do not request an informal conference **and/or** an administrative*

hearing within 30 days from the service of the Citation, you will not be able to request one at a later time.

Unless a written request for an informal conference **and/or** an administrative hearing is signed by you and delivered to the Bureau by November 29, 2019, you will be deemed to have waived or forfeited your right to appeal this matter.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION

If you do not request an informal conference and/or an administrative hearing, this Citation shall become effective on **October 31, 2019**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **November 30, 2019**. Your payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged.

If a hearing is requested, you will not be required to comply with this Citation until 30 days after a final order is entered against you.

Payment of the administrative fine and/or written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Gabriella Perez, Discipline Citation Program
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed may result in denial of an application for an approval or renewal to operate; disciplinary action, and/or collection action. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce this 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 Citation, or desire further information, please contact Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 621-2593 or Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov.

Christina Villanueva
Discipline Manager

Date

Enclosures

- Applicable Laws Violated
- Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail