



## **CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

To: Hestia Education Group, LLC, Owner  
Blush School of Makeup  
1 Embarcadero Center, Suite R-1206  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**INSTITUTION CODE: 41424506**

**CITATION NUMBER: 2223015**

**CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: September 2, 2022**

**DUE DATE: October 2, 2022**

**FINE AMOUNT: \$ 5,100.00**

**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 Hestia Education Group, LLC, Owner of Blush School of Makeup (Institution) located at 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite R-1206, San Francisco, CA 94111 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

On September 29, 2021, the Bureau issued Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 2122064 for failing to submit Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting Forms for the 2nd quarter of 2021 and failing to pay its annual fee for calendar year 2021. The citation is currently outstanding.

In addition, as of August 22, 2022, the Institution has not submitted the STRF Assessment Reporting Forms for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021. All institutions are required to submit a STRF Assessment Reporting Form to the Bureau no later than the last day of the month following the close of the quarter. The Bureau sends notifications/reminders to all approved institutions 30 days prior to close of each 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.

Lastly, on January 19, 2022, the Bureau received notice from the National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences (NAACCAS) that the Institution’s accreditation was voluntary relinquished, effective January 18, 2022; therefore, the Bureau mailed the Institution a Notice of Expiration of Approval to Operate. The Bureau’s Closed Schools Unit did not receive a closure reporting form from the Institution and failed to provide the required 30-day advanced notice of school closure. In accordance with CEC Section 94926 and 5, CCR Section 76240(a), an institution shall notify the Bureau in writing of its intention to close, at least 30 days prior to closing

VIOLATION

#	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><b>Violation:</b></p> <p><b>5, CCR Section 76130 (a-e)- Collection and Submission of Assessments</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>(1) April 30 for the first quarter,</i></p> <p><i>(2) July 31 for the second quarter,</i></p> <p><i>(3) October 31 for the third quarter, and</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>(c) The STRF Assessment Reporting Form shall contain the following information:</i></p> <p><i>(1) Total number of students who signed enrollment agreements for educational programs during the reporting period; and</i></p> <p><i>(2) Total number of students eligible for STRF who signed enrollment agreements for educational programs during the reporting period; and</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>(6) Current contact telephone number of the person preparing the form; and</i></p> <p><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></p> <p><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></p> <p><i>(e) Submission of all prior reports and assessments required by this section is a condition of renewal.”</i></p>

The Institution has failed to submit STRF Assessment Reporting Forms for the following quarters:

- Third Quarter for 2021
- Fourth Quarter for 2021

On September 22, 2021, the Institution was notified via mail at, 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite R-1206, San Francisco, CA 94111 that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 3rd quarter of 2021 was due.

On November 15, 2021, the Institution was notified via email at, aadkins@blushschoolofmakeup.edu, that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 3rd quarter of 2021 was due. As of August 22, 2022, the Bureau has not received the STRF Assessment Reporting Form from the Institution.

On December 22, 2021, the Institution was notified via mail at, 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite R-1206, San Francisco, CA 94111 that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 4th quarter of 2021 was due.

On March 1, 2022, the Institution was notified via email at, aadkins@blushschoolofmakeup.edu, that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 4th quarter of 2021 was due.

On March 10, 2022, the Institution was notified via mail at, 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite R-1206, San Francisco, CA 94111 that the STRF Assessment Reporting Form for the 4th quarter of 2021 was due. As of August 22, 2022, 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 Forms with the STRF Assessments collected from students for the quarters listed above. The information provided shall comply with "Record Keeping Requirements" Pursuant to 5, CCR section 76140.

**Assessment of Fine**

The fine for this violation is \$100.00

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**Violation:**

**CEC Section 94926 (a)(b)(c)(d) – Procedures Prior to Closing, Teach-Out Plans**

*"At least 30 days prior to closing, the institution shall notify the bureau in writing of its intention to close. The notice shall be accompanied by a closure plan, which shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all of the following:*

*(a) A plan for providing teach-outs of educational programs, including any agreements with any other postsecondary educational institutions to provide teach-outs.*

*(b) If no teach-out plan is contemplated, or for students who do not wish to participate in a teach-out, arrangements for making refunds within 45 days from the date of closure, or for institutions that participate in federal student financial aid programs arrangements for making refunds and returning federal student financial aid program funds.*

*(c) If the institution is a participant in federal student financial aid programs, it shall provide students information concerning these programs and institutional closures.*

*(d) A plan for the disposition of student records."*

**5, CCR Section 76240 (a)(5) – Required Notices and Teach-Out Plan**

*“All institutions, including those exempt from Bureau regulation pursuant to the Code, shall do the following prior to closing:*

*(a) At least 30 days prior to closing, the institution shall notify the Bureau in writing of its intention to close and provide a closure plan. The closure plan shall include:*

*(5) A plan for the disposition of student records.”*

**As of September 2, 2022, the Institution has not provided the Bureau with a notice of closure, plans for teach-outs, refund arrangements, or a plan for the disposition of student’s records.**

**Order of Abatement:**

The Bureau orders that the institution provide the Bureau with a complete school closure plan in accordance with CEC section 94926(a)(b)(c)(d), 94927.5(a)(1) and 5, CCR section 76240(a)(1)(2)(3)(4)(A)(B)(5)(6)(b)(1)(2).

**Assessment of Fine**

The fine for this violation is \$5,000.00

**TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$5,100.00**

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 **\$5,100.00** 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 **October 2, 2022**, 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 **September 2, 2022**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **October 2, 2022**. 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:**

Cheryl Lardizabal, Discipline Citation Program  
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 225  
Sacramento, CA 95834

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 Cheryl Lardizabal, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-7427 or Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov.

“Original Signature on File”

“9/2/2022”

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**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