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# **CITATION ORDER**

<b>Citation Issued To:</b> Micro-Easy Vocational Institute 2300 El Portal Dr. Suite C San Pablo, CA 94806	Citation Number: 2223041
	Total Fine Amount: \$15,004.00
Institution Code: 0703041	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this citation in her official capacity as Enforcement Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

### LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about July 2, 2015, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to Micro-Easy Vocational Institute (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate expired on or about July 1, 2020 and has not been renewed.

#### **DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Modified Citation No. 1819131 issued March 26, 2019
    - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied May 3, 2019
  - Modified Citation No. 1920180 issued March 6, 2020
    - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied June 10, 2020
  - Modified Citation No. 1920339 issued September 10, 2020
    Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied April 13, 2022
  - <u>Statement of Issue filed November 2, 2022</u>

## CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 75020 for the violation(s) described below.

### CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

4. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

#### Violation #1:

#### CCR, Title 5, section 76130 – Collection and Submission of Assessments

**Cause for Citation:** The Institution failed to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2020.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2020.

#### Violation #2:

#### CCR, Title 5, section 76130 – Collection and Submission of Assessments

**Cause for Citation:** The Institution failed to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter reporting periods of 2021.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter reporting periods of 2021.

#### Violation #3:

# CCR, Title 5, section 71745 (a)(6) – Financial Resources, in conjunction with CEC section 94885 (a)(6)(9) – Minimum Operating Standards

**Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed the financial statements for year-end December 31, 2020 and determined that the Institution's ratio is 0.81 to 1. The Institution failed to maintain a ratio of current assets to current liabilities of 1.25 to 1.00 or greater.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the following:

- 1. Current financial statements for year-end 2022 which demonstrates compliance with CCR, Title 5, 71745 (a)(6).
- In an electronic format, a roster of all currently enrolled students that includes the student: (1) names, (2) addresses, (3) telephone numbers, (4) email addresses, (5) program in which they are enrolled, (6) date of enrollment, (7) total cost of the program and (8) the total amount the student has paid.

#### Violation #4:

CCR, Title 5, section 71920 (b)(5) – Student Records and CCR, Title 5, section 71930 (a), (e) – Maintenance Records in conjunction with CEC 94900 (b) – Required Student Records

**Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed student files and determined that the files did not contain an Institution transcript.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all student records contain an Institution transcript. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #5:

5, CCR Section 71720 (b)(2) – Faculty and CCR, Title 5, section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records in conjunction with CEC 94900.5 (b) – Required Institutional Records

**Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed faculty records and determined that that the Institution did not maintain faculty records regarding continuing education (CE) courses in the subject area, classroom management or other courses related to teaching.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all faculty records follow the law pursuant to CEC 94900.5 (b) and CCR, Title 5, section 71720 (b)(2). The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all faculty records are in compliance with the law. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #6:

CCR, Title 5, section 71730 (e) – Administration, CCR, Title 5, section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records in conjunction with CEC 94900.5 (b) – Required Institutional Records **Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) records for review; however, the Institution failed to provide the records upon request.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all faculty records follow the law pursuant to CEC 94900.5 (b) and CCR, Title 5, section 71730 (e). The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and ensured that all faculty records are in compliance with the law. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #7:

# CCR, Title 5, section 71760 – Self Monitoring Procedures and CCR, Title 5, section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records

**Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested a copy of the Institution's self-monitoring procedures; however, the Institution failed to provide a copy upon request.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class D" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$500.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation and submit a copy of the Institution's self-monitoring procedures pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 71760.

#### Violation #8:

#### CCR, Title 5, section 71735 (b) – Facilities and Equipment

**Cause for Citation:** On or about December 8, 2021, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5(a). During the inspection Bureau staff requested permits required by any public agencies relating to the health and safety of the Institution's facilities and equipment on file. The Institution failed to provide copies of the permits upon request.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,500.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit copies of all required permits pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 71735 (b).

#### Violation #9:

#### CCR, Title 5, section 76130 – Collection and Submission of Assessments

**Cause for Citation:** The Institution failed to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2022.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Assessment Reporting form and pay any applicable fees as required for the 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter reporting periods of 2022.

#### Violation #10:

# CCR, Title 5, section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

**Cause for Citation:** A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2022. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022, July 14, 2022, and July 26, 2022.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5, CCR 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$5000.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5, CCR 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the 2021 Annual Report pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and CCR, Title 5, section 75020, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
  - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Cheryl Lardizabal 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
  - Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
    - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and CCR, Title 5, sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$15,004.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal form.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

 Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Cheryl Lardizabal 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

### NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

7. You have the right to contest this citation through an informal conference with the Bureau pursuant to CCR, Title 5, section 75020 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 may submit a written request to the Bureau or submit the enclosed Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing form within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation will forfeit your ability to appeal the citation.

If a hearing is requested, you are not required to comply with this citation until a final order is entered against you.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and CCR, Title 5, 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an

admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure. Pursuant to CCR, Title 5, 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine.

#### BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Cheryl Lardizabal, Citation Analyst by email at <u>Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7427.

"Original Signature on File"

3/6/2023

Elizabeth Elias Enforcement Chief Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- 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