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# CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Eric Choi Lan Wan Professional 7545 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 200 Irvine, CA 92618

INSTITUTION CODE: Unapproved CITATION NUMBER: 1516036

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: October 28, 2015

**DUE DATE: November 27, 2015 FINE AMOUNT: \$ 50,000.00** 

ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: YES

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

#### CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Eric Choi, Owner of Lan Wan Professional (Institution) located at 7545 Irvine Center Drive, Suite 200, Irvine, CA 92618 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 148; California Education Code (CEC) §94944; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) §75020 for the violation(s) described below.

# **VIOLATION**

# The California Education Code (CEC) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR). Below you will find the code section(s) of law you are charged with violating.

#### 1. Violation:

CEC 94886 - Approval to Operate required

"Except as exempted in Article 4 (commencing with Section 94874) or in compliance with the transition provisions in Article 2 (commencing with Section 94802), a person shall not open, conduct, or do business as a private postsecondary educational institution in this state without obtaining an approval to operate under this chapter."

In January 2004, the Bureau issued a denial notice to Eric Choi, owner of Lan Wan Professional (formerly known as ICTP Training Facility). The denial was in response to an application for an approval to operate that Choi submitted.

In April 2004, a Default Decision and Order became effective denying Lan Wan Professional/ICTP approval to operate. The respondent had fifteen days to respond, which Choi failed to do.

On April 5, 2011, Bureau staff mailed an "Operating Educational Institution without Proper Approval" letter to Choi via certified and regular mail and email. The letter stated that the Bureau has evidence that Law Wan Professional is advertising as a private postsecondary educational institution. It also stated that Lan Wan Professional must cease operations until it is approved by the Bureau. The Bureau received no response from Choi.

On September 14, 2011, Bureau staff mailed another "Operating Educational Institution without Proper Approval" letter to Choi via certified and regular mail. The Bureau received no response from Choi.

On February 18, 2015, Bureau staff mailed another "Operating Educational Institution without Proper Approval" letter to Choi via certified and regular mail. The Bureau received no response from Choi.

On April 21, 2015, Bureau staff obtained a copy of the institutions business license through the City of Irvine. The license shows that Lan Wan Professional is in active status.

The institution continues to maintain a website at <u>lanwanprofessional.com</u> and advertises prices ranging from \$2,970 up to \$50,000 based on the student's employment success. Law Wan Professional has failed to obtain an approval to operate from the Bureau.

## **Order of Abatement:**

The Bureau orders that the institution cease to operate immediately until such time that an approval to operate has been obtained from the Bureau. In accordance with CEC 94926, the institution must file a school closure plan with the Bureau.

### **Assessment of Fine**

The fine for this violation is \$50,000.00

# TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$50,000.00

#### ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

In accordance with CEC section 94944; and 5 CCR section 75020(b), the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of a fine in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

# 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(s) of abatement must be submitted, to the Bureau, within 30 days** from the date of service of the Citation.

#### BACKGROUND

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## **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 27**, **2015**, 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 28, 2015.** Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **November 27, 2015.** 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:

Jody Wright, 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 Jody Wright, Enforcement Analyst, at 916-431-6940 or Jody.Wright@dca.ca.gov.

Elainea Shotwell

Enforcement Manager

October 28, 2015

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