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CITATION: ORDER OF ABATEMENT

To: Goff/Harradine Trust, Owner Heritage International University 1110 Eagle Nest Court Danville, CA 94506

INSTITUTION CODE: Unapproved CITATION NUMBER: 1920110

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: December 12, 2019

DUE DATE: January 11, 2020

ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: Yes

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

CITATION

A Citation is hereby issued to Goff/Harradine Trust, Owner of Heritage International University (Institution) located at 1110 Eagle Nest Court, Danville, CA 94506 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9 and 149; California Education Code (CEC) section 94944; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violation(s) described below.

BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2017, the Bureau received a complaint alleging the Institution was operating and offering educational programs to the public without Bureau approval. Through the course of the investigation the allegation was substantiated against the Institution for operating without Bureau approval or a valid exemption.

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. **Violation:**

CEC Section 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."

CEC Section 94858. Private Postsecondary Educational Institution

"Private postsecondary educational institution" means a private entity with a physical presence in this state that offers postsecondary education to the public for an institutional charge.

CEC Section 94817.5. Approved to Operate or Approved

"Approved to operate" or "approved" means that an institution has received authorization pursuant to this chapter to offer to the public and to provide postsecondary educational programs."

CEC Section 94868. To Offer to the Public

"To offer to the public" means to advertise, publicize, solicit, or recruit."

CEC Section 94869. To Operate

"To operate" means to establish, keep, or maintain any facility or location in this state where, or from which, or through which, postsecondary educational programs are provided."

On April 15, 2019, Bureau staff reviewed the Institution's website (http://www.heritage-international.university/), and found that the Institution advertises the following educational programs with the respective tuition costs: Associate's degree for \$5,000.00; Bachelor's degree for \$5,500.00; Master's degree for \$6,000.00; Doctoral degree for \$6,500.00; and Non-degree seeking 4 hours credit course for \$250.00.

Order of Abatement:

The Bureau orders that the Institution cease to operate as a private postsecondary educational institution, unless the Institution qualifies for an exemption under CEC section 94874.

- The Institution must discontinue recruiting or enrolling students and cease all instructional services and advertising in any form or type of media, including http://www.heritage-international.university/ and any other websites not identified here that are associated with the Institution, until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau. The Institution must remove all references to the terms "California", "The California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education", and "BPPE," from http://heritage-international.university/ and any other website not identified here that are associated with the Institution.
- The Institution must disconnect all telephone service numbers including but not limited to (435) 229-8443 that are associated with the Institution until such time as an approval to operate is obtained from the Bureau.
- The Institution must update their mailing address with the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC).

The Institution shall submit proof of compliance with the above referenced items to the Bureau.

Additionally, the Institution must submit a school closure plan to the Bureau pursuant to California Education Code section 94926. The Institution must provide a roster of each student currently enrolled at the Institution. The roster must include the names of the students, their contact information (including phone number, email address, and physical address), the programs in which they are enrolled, the amount paid for the programs.

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$00.00

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 5, CCR section 75020 (b) the Bureau hereby issues the order(s) of abatement described above. In accordance with Business and Professions Code Section 149, the Bureau may disconnect any telephone service numbers used by an unapproved Institution. **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.

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 <u>30 days</u> 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 **January 11, 2020,** 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 **December 12, 2019.** Evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **January 11, 2020**.

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.

Written request for appeal must be mailed to:

Gabriella Perez, Discipline Citation Program Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Post Office Box 980818 West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818

Failure for an applicant or institution to abate the violation(s) listed above 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, ple	ease contact
Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov .	

Enclosures

Christina Villanueva

Discipline Manager

- > Applicable Laws Violated
- > Statement of Rights: Appeal Process Information Sheet
- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing

Date

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