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APPEAL OF CITATION INFORMAL CONFERENCE DECISION: CITATION AFFIRMED

May 6, 2020

Esalen Institute Coast Route 1 Big Sur, CA 93920

Date of Issuance	Citation Number	Institution Code
May 6, 2020	1920222	2700571

On April 17, 2020, an informal telephone conference was held in the matter of Citation: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement No. 1920222 (Citation) against Esalen Institute (Institution). In attendance were Beth Danielson, Enforcement Chief and Brita Ostrom, School Director.

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code, section 125.9; California Education Code, section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, section 75020 and section 75040, the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) renders the following decision relative to your appeal of the Citation No. 1920222.

It is the decision of the Enforcement Chief that on April 21, 2020, Citation No. 1920222 is <u>affirmed</u> for the following reason(s):

> No new substantive facts were presented at the conference.

VIOLATION CODE SECTIONS

#	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 94932.5 (a) – Announced and Unannounced Compliance Inspections (a) As part of its compliance program, the bureau shall perform announced and unannounced inspections of institutions at least every five years.	
	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.	
	On July 30, 2019, Bureau staff attempted to conduct an unannounced Compliance inspection at the Institution. The Director stated that the Institution could not provide the items needed for the inspection, therefore the inspection was not completed.	
	Order of Abatement:	
	The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a written policy of how with 5, CCR section 71930 (e)	
	will be maintained.	
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<u>Assessment of Fine</u> The fine for this violation is <u>\$5,000.00</u>

TOTAL MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$5,000.00

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

The Bureau orders that you comply with the orders described in the 'Violation Code Sections' of this document and submit evidence of compliance within <u>30 days</u> from the date of this decision.

PENALTY – ASSESSMENT OF A FINE

Payment of the administrative fine is due within <u>30 days</u> from the date of this decision. Please complete the <u>Payment of Fine</u> form. Payment must be made to the Bureau by check, or money order. Please include the citation number on the payment of the fine assessment. Payment of the administrative fine shall not constitute an admission of the violation(s) charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for purposes of public disclosure. Payments may be mailed to:

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

APPEAL OF CITATION

You *do not* have the right to request another Informal Conference to appeal this affirmed Citation. If you did not initially request an Administrative Hearing within 30 days from when the original citation was issued, you can no longer request one.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CITATION AND FINE ASSESSMENT

This affirmed Citation is effective on **May 6, 2020.** The order of abatement and payment are due by **June 5, 2020**.

Failure to abate the violation or to pay the administrative fine within the time allowed is grounds for denial of an application for an approval to operate or discipline. The Bureau will promptly take all appropriate action to enforce the Affirmed 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 decision or desire further information, please contact Cheryl Lardizabal, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-8968 or at <u>Cheryl.Lardizabal@dca.ca.gov</u>.

"Original signature on file"

"5/6/2020"

Christina Villanueva Discipline Manager Date

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Enclosures

- Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal Rights
 Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail

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