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# **CITATION: ASSESSMENT OF FINE**

To: Christopher Casey, Owner Deep Creek Construction School 8280 Deep Creek Road Apple Valley, CA 92308

INSTITUTION CODE: 3604681 CITATION NUMBER: 1920275

CITATION ISSUANCE/SERVICE DATE: April 1, 2020

**DUE DATE: May 1, 2020** 

FINE AMOUNT: \$ 5,000.00

**ORDER OF ABATEMENT INCLUDED: No** 

Christina Villanueva issues this Citation: Assessment of Fine (Citation) in her official capacity as the Enforcement Chief of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

#### **CITATION**

A Citation is hereby issued to Christopher Casey, Owner of Deep Creek Construction School, (Institution) located at 8280 Deep Creek Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.9; California Education Code (CEC) sections 94936 and 94932; and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5, CCR) section 75020 for the violations described below.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 25, 2020, Bureau staff conducted an unannounced Compliance inspection at the Institution. The inspector identified a minor website violation during the inspection; however, the inspector was unable to issue a required Notice to Comply due to the escalating anger displayed by Christopher Casey. Mr. Casey subjected the inspector to hostile and abusive comments during the inspection process, resulting in Mr. Casey demanding the inspector leave his office. The inspector was unable to complete all phases of the inspection due to the interference of Mr. Casey as outlined below. During the inspection Mr. Casey made the following statements to the inspector to voice his displeasure with the Bureau and the Bureau requirements.

- "As you can see, we don't like the government around here."
- "I hate you, you are part of the bloodsucking government that is here to get money and not help the students."
- "You have a fucking job to do, that is why you are here."
- "I really don't give a shit why you are here to be honest."
- "Why don't you go tell your 'sister' to stop sucking the entire football line of cocks and help me file my fucking annual report."
- "Get the fuck out of my office."

## **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. **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."

## 94935(a) - Notice to Comply

"(a) Bureau staff who, during an inspection of an institution, detect a violation of this chapter, or regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, that is a minor violation as determined by the bureau, pursuant to regulations adopted by January 1, 2011, shall issue a notice to comply before leaving the institution."

On February 25, 2020, a Notice to Comply was not issued to Mr. Casey due to his interference with the inspection process and his inappropriate behavior. The Bureau is mandated to perform announced and unannounced inspections of each institution; however, Mr. Casey's behavior impeded the inspector from completing all phases of the inspection.

#### **Assessment of Fine**

The fine for this violation is \$5,000.00

# **TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE FINE DUE: \$5,000.00**

## **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 \$5,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment must be made, to the Bureau, within 30 days from the date of service of the Citation.

## **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 May 1, 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 **April 1, 2020**. Payment of the administrative fine and evidence of compliance with the order(s) of abatement shall be due by **May 1, 2020**. 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:

Gabriella Perez, 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 Gabriella Perez, Citation Analyst, at (916) 574-8969 or <a href="mailto:Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov">Gabriella.Perez@dca.ca.gov</a>.

"Original signature on file"	"4/1/2020"
Christina Villanueva	Date
Discipline Manager	

#### **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