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# CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Masters Vocational College, Inc. 1660 Chicago Ave., Suite M-13 Riverside, CA 92507	Citation Number: 23240291
	Total Fine Amount: \$5,000.00
Institution Code: 27053596	Order of Abatement Included: No

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

#### LICENSING HISTORY

 On or about April 22, 2020, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 27053596, to Masters Vocational College, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate will expire on or about April 22, 2025, unless renewed.

### **DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Modified Citation No. 1415084, issued on October 19, 2015
    - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied March 14, 2016
  - Citation No. 1920326 issued on June 10, 2020
    - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied September 28, 2020
  - Citation No. 2122042 issued on August 25, 2021
    - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied December 16, 2021
  - Citation No. 23240213 issued on February 29, 2024
  - Citation No. 23240273, issued on May 2, 2024
    - Withdrawal of Citation, June 6, 2024

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# CITATION JURISDICTION

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

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

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

## Violation #1:

5 CCR 71930 (c)(3); (c)(4); and (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about February 27, 2024, the Bureau attempted to conduct an announced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). Prior to the onsite inspection, Bureau staff attempted to contact the Institution's owner by email and phone and did not receive a response. Upon arrival at the Institution's approved physical address on record with the Bureau, Bureau staff found the building was empty and not occupied. The Institution's business signage was removed. The building's security guard informed Bureau staff that the building has been empty since December 2023.

Prior to the inspection date, the Bureau had not received any notification of a change of address or a change in the Institution's status. The Institution failed to have an authorized school representative on site for the announced inspection and failed to have records immediately available for inspection during normal business hours.

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

#### COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

5. The Bureau has not issued an order of abatement.

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# **COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE**

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$5,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of service of this citation unless an informal conference or hearing is requested. 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 – Nicole Pedersen 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 5 CCR 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 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within 30 days 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 5 CCR 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.

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Pursuant to 5 CCR 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 Nicole Pedersen, Citation Analyst by email at <a href="Nicole.Pedersen@dca.ca.gov">Nicole.Pedersen@dca.ca.gov</a> or by phone at (916) 232-0510.

"Original Signature on File"	6/10/2024
Elizabeth Elias	Citation Date of Issuance
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	

### **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