



AFFIRMED CITATION ORDER

Citation Issued To: Educating Barbers, LLC dba The Academy 998 Geneva Ave San Francisco, CA 94112	Citation Number: 25260079
	Total Fine Amount: \$5,001.00
Institution Code: 75356521	Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this affirmed 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

1. On or about November 9, 2017, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 75356521, to Educating Barbers, LLC dba The Academy, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution". This Approval to Operate expired on or about November 9, 2022, and an application for renewal of the Institution's Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution was received on December 5, 2022. The renewal application was subsequently denied and is pending appeal.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - [Modified Citation No. 1920287, issued July 15, 2020](#)
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied September 1, 2020
 - [Modified Citation No. 2223040, issued May 16, 2023](#)
 - [Accusation, filed July 10, 2024](#)
 - [Notice of Withdrawal of Accusation, filed December 2, 2024](#)
 - [Statement of Issues, filed August 5, 2025](#)

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CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of 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.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about October 23, 2025, the Bureau issued Citation No. 25260079. On or about November 19, 2025, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on December 17, 2025. No new substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau affirms Citation No. 25260079.

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

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

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 76140(a) and (b) – Record-Keeping Requirements and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 10, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a).

Bureau staff requested to review the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) supporting documentation for the 2nd and 3rd quarter reporting periods of 2024. The Institutions owner stated they were unaware that the Institution was required to maintain STRF supporting data. Therefore, the Institution did not maintain records of student information in an electronic format readily available and open to inspection.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,500.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

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The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing an electronic copy of the template to be used by the Institution to document its STRF substantiating documentation, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 76140.

In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the substantiating data for STRF is maintained in an electronic format and readily available to a Bureau representative upon request per 5 CCR sections 76140 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 74112 (m) (1-9) Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet and 5 CCR section 71930 (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about December 10, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a).

Bureau staff requested documentation supporting data reported on the Institutions 2021/2022 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). Upon review of the SPFS, Bureau staff found that the Institution failed to collect or maintain the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112, specifically subsections (m)(3-5) and (m)(9).

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 \$2,501.00.

Order of Abatement: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing an electronic copy of the template used by the Institution to document supporting data for SPFS, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112.

In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the supporting data for SPFS is

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maintained and immediately available during an inspection. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may sent by mail or email to:
 - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$5,001.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. 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 –
1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834

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NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the affirmed decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

If the Institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the Institution may request to withdraw the request for a hearing. If the Institution has not requested to withdraw the hearing, a hearing will be set to hear the matter.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 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.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 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. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst by email at Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

“Original Signature on File”

12/24/2025

Elizabeth Elias
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement

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Enclosures:

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