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CITATION ORDER

| Citation Issued To: College of English Language 233 A Street, Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92101 | Citation Number: 2324113 |
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| | Total Fine Amount: \$15,006.00 |
| Institution Code: 3703801 | Order of Abatement Included: Yes |

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

LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about February 14, 2020, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to College of English Language (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate will expire on or about August 1, 2027, unless renewed.

DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
 - Modified Citation No. 1516085 issued June 20, 2016
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied June 27, 2016

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 & ASSESMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

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

Violation #1:

5 CCR section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

Cause for Citation: A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2022. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022, and July 14, 2022, and July 26, 2022.

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.

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

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit the 2021 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

Violation #2:

5 CCR section 74112 (a) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet and 5 CCR section 71930 (e) – Maintenance Records

Cause for Citation On or about October 18, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). Bureau staff requested a copy of the substantiating data for the 2020-2021 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) for review. Prior to the conclusion of the onsite inspection, Bureau staff noted that the Institution's SPFS did not fully represent the Institution's approved programs. Additionally, the Institution combined program data from multiple approved programs into single SPFS and did not create individual SPFS for each program approved by the Bureau.

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.

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 and submit a copy of the substantiating data for the 2021-2022 SPFS that includes all the required data 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 substantiating data for SPFS is maintained and immediately available during an inspection. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #3:

5 CCR section 71745 (a)(6) – Financial Resources, in conjunction with CEC section 94885 (a)(6)(9) – Minimum Operating Standards

Cause for Citation: On or about October 18, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). During the inspection, Bureau staff requested a copy of the Institution's current financial statements for review; the Institution failed to meet the required ratio.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "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 submit the following:

- 1. Current financial statements for year-end 2022 which demonstrates compliance with 5 CCR section 71745 (a)(c).
- In an electronic format, a roster of all currently enrolled students that includes the student: (1) names, (2) addresses, (3) telephone numbers, (4) email addresses, (5) program in which they are enrolled, (6) date of enrollment, (7) total cost of the program and (8) the total amount the student has paid.

Violation #4:

5 CCR section 71660 – Notifications of Non-Substantive Changes

Cause for Citation: On or about October 18, 2022, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC 94932.5 (a). During the inspection, Bureau staff identified an additional satellite location in Pacific Beach, California. Bureau records indicate that the Bureau has not approved this location, nor has the Bureau received a notification of a non-substantive change for the Pacific Beach satellite location. Further, Bureau staff found that the Institution's accreditor listed the Pacific Beach location in the accreditor's approval status.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$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 submit a written notice of the nonsubstantive change. Additionally, the written notice should contain documentation of the approval for the satellite location from the Institution's accreditor.

The Institution shall also submit a statement of attestation they have submitted the written notice of non-substantive change to the Bureau. The statement of attestation shall be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

Violation #5:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(b) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2020 calendar year.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$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 pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2020 calendar year.

Violation #6:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(b) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2021 calendar year.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$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 pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2021 calendar year.

Violation #7:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(b) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2022 calendar year.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$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 pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2022 calendar year.

Violation #8:

5 CCR section 74006 (a), (b) – Annual Fee in conjunction with CEC section 94931(b) – Late Payment

Cause for Citation: The Institution failed to pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year.

Administrative Fine: Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$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 pay its annual fee and 90-day late payment penalty fee for the 2023 calendar year.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR section 75020, 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 <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this 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 – Tessa Barron 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
 - Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

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 \$15,006.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this 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 – Tessa Barron 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 <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within <u>30 days</u> 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.

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.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Tessa Barron, Citation Analyst by email at <u>Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7791.

"Original Signature on File"

1/15/2023

Elizabeth Elias Enforcement Chief Citation Date of Issuance

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